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JASON MARTIN NAMED AMERICA EAST BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jason Martin** has been chosen as the America East Conference Player of the Week in baseball, as announced today by the conference office. Martin, a sophomore catcher, batted .625 with eight RBI in five games last week.

Martin, a native of Bloomingburg, N.Y., went 5-for-5, including a homer, and drove in six runs in the nightcap of Sunday's doubleheader with Yale. The Great Danes posted a 14-11 victory in the contest.

Martin, who is hitting .407 on the season after going 10-for-16 at the plate last week, has a 10-game hitting streak. Albany (6-12) begins America East Conference play on April 5-6 with a weekend series at Stony Brook.

FERRUCCI AND HELLER EARN AMERICA EAST WEEKLY LACROSSE AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Maria Ferrucci** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the league office. **Amanda Heller** was voted the conference's Defender of the Week.

Ferrucci, a senior attacker, totaled seven goals and one assist in two victories last week. She scored a season-high four goals, as her team rallied for a 12-11 overtime victory against America East-rival Vermont on March 27. Ferrucci also scored three times and assisted on another in an 18-5 non-conference win over Siena. She ranks eighth among the conference scoring leaders at 2.71 points per game.

Heller, a senior, recorded her first victories as a collegiate goalkeeper after moving from defense in mid-March. She totaled a season-high nine saves against Vermont, and stopped a free-position shot to preserve her team's lead in overtime. Heller also turned aside eight shots and allowed four goals against Siena. She lowered her goals against average to 12.71 on the season.

KATRINA DUNNING NAMED AMERICA EAST SOFTBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Katrina Dunning** has been tabbed as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in softball, as announced today by the conference office. Dunning, a freshman second baseman, posted a .667 batting average with one double, two stolen bases and three RBI in three conference victories. She went 4-for-4 in the second game of a doubleheader with Hartford, a 5-1 win, on March 28. Dunning is second on the team in hitting with a .377 average.

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BASEBALL SPLITS SUNDAY'S NON-CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER AT YALE

New Haven, Conn. – **Jason Martin** totaled five hits, including a homer, and drove in six runs in the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Yale on Sunday afternoon at Yale Field. The Great Danes won the second contest, 14-11, but lost the opener, 6-3.

Albany (6-12) built an 11-4 lead with a five-run fifth inning, as Martin keyed the frame with a two-run single to right field. Yale (8-9) rallied by scoring six times in the bottom of the inning. **Josh Zabar** belted a two-run homer, before **Dave Fortenbaugh** added a two-run double.

The Great Danes upped their advantage to 14-10 with a three-run seventh. **Kurt Zimniewicz** had an RBI single, while **Derek DeGrazio** lined a run-scoring double. Yale brought the tying run to the plate with one out in its last at-bat, but Albany reliever **Mike Mueller** recorded a strikeout and got Zabar to fly out to left field to end the game.

In the first contest, Albany carried a 2-0 lead into the middle innings. **Brendan Chiavaro** scored **Joe Lamb**, who had tripled, with a sacrifice fly in the first, while Zimniewicz plated a run in third with another fly ball.

The Bulldogs came back to tie the contest at two apiece in the fifth on passed ball and **Randy Leonard's** sacrifice fly to center field. The Bulldogs took the lead with a four-run sixth. Designated hitter **John Janco** drilled a two-run double into the right-field gap to put his team ahead. **Steven Duke** scored on a wild pitch, before Zabar delivered a RBI single.

Albany center fielder **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) singled, doubled, scored four runs and added two RBI, while Lamb finished with three hits and four runs.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	101	000	1	-	3	7	0
Yale	000	024	x	-	6	9	1

Jeff Mazzola, Nick Murphy (6), Roman Dubiel (6) and Fred Estes.

Josh Sowers, Adam Barrick (7) and Darren Beasley.

(Game 2)

Albany (6-12)	220	250	3	-	14	15	4
Yale (8-9)	121	060	1	-	11	12	4

Kyle Thomas, Ryan Sullivan (5), Roman Dubiel (5), Mike Muller (5) and Fred Estes.

Eric Naison-Phillips, Doug Shimokawa (4), Colin Ward-Henning (5), Matt Stone (5),

Adam Barrick (5) and Eric Rasmussen.

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BASEBALL SPLITS NON-CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER WITH YALE

New Haven, Conn. - **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) lined a two-run triple in the top of the 11th inning in the nightcap, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with Yale on Saturday afternoon at Yale Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 7-5, but dropped the opening contest, 4-3.

Nick Ragone (Christian Brothers Academy), who had a pair of hits, doubled to lead off the top of the 11th and then was sacrificed over to third by **Fred Estes**. After Craig Farley walked, Vallone tripled to the gap to put Albany ahead.

Right-hander **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) pitched the final 3.2 innings, allowing no runs and two hits to pick up his first victory of the year. **Kurt Zimniewicz's** team-leading sixth home run of the year gave the Great Danes a 5-3 lead, before Yale scored two in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game.

In the first game, Yale's **Steven Duke** stole home with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to give the Bulldogs the win. The Great Danes rallied to tie the contest at three in the top of the seventh, as Vallone's RBI double drove home **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) from first. Vallone totaled three hits and three RBI in the twinbill.

Albany (5-11) and Yale (7-8) are scheduled to play another doubleheader on Sunday.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	000	101	1	-	3	6	1
Yale	201	000	1	-	4	9	3

(two outs when winning run scored)

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Ryan (7) and Fred Estes, Chase Muratore.

Mike Elias, Adam Barrick (6), Alec Smith (7) and Darren Beasley.

(Game 2)

Albany (5-11)	002	030	000	02	-	7	14	2
Yale (7-8)	120	002	000	00	-	5	13	1

Adam Kroft, Ethan Vaiana (8), Shawn Ryan (8) and Fred Estes.

Jon Hollis, Adam Barrick (5), Doug Shimokawa (5), Alec Smith (6), Colin Ward-Henning (11) and Eric Rasmussen.

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

COVERT QUALIFIES FOR NCAA EAST REGIONAL AT RALEIGH RELAYS

Raleigh, N.C. – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** finished second in the 100-meter high hurdles and qualified for NCAA East Regional in May to highlight her team's performance at Adidas Raleigh Relays on Saturday at North Carolina State's Paul H. Derr Track. More than 3,000 athletes representing approximately 110 teams competed at the two-day meet.

Covert sprinted 13.66 seconds to finish behind Donica Merriman, of UNA-Adidas, by 26-hundredths of a second. Pittsburgh's Tamara McGill was third in 13.76. Covert, a senior who placed 20th in the long jump, also qualified for the ECAC championships in the 100-hurdles.

America East Conference indoor champion **Kristof Molnar** was eighth in the 800-meter invitational run with a time of 1:52.77, while **Naron Stewart** tied for fifth in the high jump, at 6-feet, 7.50-inches. The Great Danes were ninth in the women's 4x800 relay, and qualified for ECACs. Dinnah Decatus, Erin Goddard, Diane Matthews and Zerlinda Martinez posted a time of 9:13.50.

Joel Vazquez (Amsterdam) was 19th in the 400-meter hurdles in 53.93 seconds, while **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs) took 22nd in the triple jump with a mark of 37-feet, 7.25-inches.

JILLIAN SHERMAN WINS LONG JUMP AT WEST POINT INVITATIONAL

West Point, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names) won the long jump and placed third in the 100-meter dash at the West Point Invitational on Saturday at Dick Shea Stadium.

Sherman, a freshman, posted an ECAC-qualifying mark of 18-feet, 10-inches in her first collegiate outdoor competition. She was also third in the 100-dash in 13.02 seconds. **Theresa Juva** placed second in the 5,000 with a time of 18:24.0, while **Natasha Bermudez** threw 133-feet, 5-inches to take third in the hammer.

Andres Vives (Shenendehowa) helped Albany finish first in the 4x100-meter relay with an IC4A-qualifying time of 42.30 seconds. Vives was also third in the long jump with a leap of 21-0.50. In addition, **Aaron Kimball** (Fonda-Fultonville) was second in the shot put (45-7.25) and **Brandon Howlett** took third in the discus (149-10). **Sheldon Gomes** (Shaker) captured second in the triple jump (44-5.25).

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MEN'S LACROSSE -- Albany 9, Binghamton 6

Vestal, N.Y. — Freshman **Chris Martocchia** had two goals and one assist, as Albany opened America East Conference play with a 9-6 victory over Binghamton in a wind-driven rain on Saturday afternoon at mud-filled East Gym Complex.

Albany (4-3, AE 1-0) reversed a 2-1 deficit in the second quarter by scoring four times in a five-minute span. **Sean Donnellan**, who had a pair of goals, tied the contest off a feed from **Luke Daquino**, before Martocchia gave his team the lead for good with 7:41 left in the period. **Michael Solazzo** ended that stretch with the first of his two goals on the day, and the Great Danes took a 5-2 lead to the locker room.

The Great Danes, who posted back-to-back victories for the first time this spring, scored three times in the opening seven minutes of the third quarter to build an 8-2 margin. Martocchia hit the net with just 26 seconds elapsed in the period off **Jon Smith's** pass, and then later fed Donnellan as his team built a six-goal lead with 8:03 remaining.

Brian Chaapel, a freshman attackman, led Binghamton (2-4, AE 1-2) with two goals, while **Phil Cavallo** scored once and assisted on two more. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin McKeown** stopped 13 shots.

Albany's **Chris Gill** made the second start of his career at goalkeeper and recorded 13 saves in going the distance. Daquino, a sophomore, tied a career-high with four assists for the Great Danes, who will play their first home game of the season on Saturday, April 5 against conference-rival Hartford.

-agate-

Albany (4-3, AE 1-0)	1	4	3	1	-	9
Binghamton (2-4, AE 1-2)	0	2	1	3	-	6

Albany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 2-1, Sean Donnellan 2-0, Michael Solazzo 2-0, Jon Smith 1-1, Bakary Janneh 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Luke Daquino 0-4, Bobby Gabriel 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Gill (60:00, 13 saves, 6 GA).

Binghamton – Scoring: Brian Chaapel 2-0, Brian Morgan 1-2, Phil Cavallo 1-0, John Gaudet 1-0, Aaron LaFlair 1-0, Chris Healy 0-1, Sean Meluney 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin McKeown (60:00, 13 saves, 9 GA).

Softball -- Albany 6, Hartford 3

Albany, N.Y. - Junior **Jen Nolette** went 3-for-3 with two RBI, as Albany posted a 6-3 win over Hartford in game one of a America East Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Albany Field. The second game was suspended in the top of the fifth with Hartford leading, 6-3, due to rain and will be resumed on April 24. **MORE**

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

Albany (14-3, AE 3-0) grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when **Katrina Dunning** singled home Nolette, who doubled with two outs. The Great Danes, who won their fifth straight, added four runs in the third thanks to two Hartford fielding errors. **Megan Craft's** (South Glens Falls) ground ball to third with the bases loaded went through the legs of **Liz Borawski** and down the leftfield line to bring home **Andrea Lindgren**, who reached on an error, and **Julie Gannon**, who walked. Craft would later score on Nolette's single to increase the lead to 5-0. Nolette tacked on another run with a single through the right side in the fifth.

Samantha Morrison went 3-for-3 with one RBI and a run scored for the Hawks, who fell to 1-11 and 0-3 in conference play. Borawski homered in the sixth, her first of the season

Lindgren, who posted her fifth straight victory, went the distance, allowing three runs on six hits while striking out eight to improve her record to 7-2. On Friday, Albany swept a conference twinbill from Hartford, 4-0 and 5-1.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Hartford (1-11, AE 0-3)	000	012	0	-	3	6	2
Albany (14-3, AE 3-0)	014	010	x	-	6	8	0

Caitlin Eichler and Ryan Williams. Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2 – Game Suspended)

Hartford	200	04	-	6	8	0
Albany	120	0	-	3	6	1

(Game suspended in the top of the fifth, will be resumed April 24.)

Julie Graves and Ryan Williams. Danielle Buyea, Krisin Couris (5) and Ali Meacham.

Women's Tennis -- Long Island 4, Albany 3

Flushing, N.Y. - Long Island's **Krystina Bachner** was one of three Blackbirds to win her singles and doubles match, as her team defeated Albany, 4-3, at the National Tennis Center.

After losing the doubles point, Albany rallied by winning its first three singles match. **Violeta Petijevic** triumphed in straight sets over **Rachel Berenbaum**, 6-4, 6-0. **Courtney Michels**, who has won her last four matches, defeated Leslie Harvey, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, at number two singles. **Marisa Berley** ended Veronica Apostu-Efremov's 10-match winning streak in three sets, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Long Island answered by winning the final three singles' matches with Bachner beating **Krista Babiarz** (6-4, 6-3), **Ellen Anolin** going over **Alex Berley** (6-2, 6-4) and **Annicris Garcia** stopping **Reeba Miller** (6-0, 4-6, 6-1).

-agate-

Long Island 4, Albany 3

Doubles -- #1 - Rachel Berenbaum/Leslie Harvey (Long Island) def. Violeta Petijevic/Courtney Michels (Albany) 8-4; #2 - Veronica Apostu-Efremov/Krystina Bachner (Long Island) def. Alex Berley/Marisa Berley (Albany) 8-3; #3 - Annicris Garcia/Ellen Anolin (Long Island) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-0.

Long Island wins doubles point

Singles -- #1 - Petijevic (Albany) def. Berenbaum (Long Island) 6-4, 6-0; #2 - Michels (Albany) def. Harvey (Long Island) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; #3 - M. Berley (Albany) def. Apostu-Efremov (Long Island) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; #4 - Bachner (Long Island) def. Babiarz (Albany) 6-4, 6-3; #5 - Anolin (Long Island) def. A. Berley (Albany) 6-2, 6-4; #6 - Garcia (Long Island) def. Miller (Albany) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

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BASEBALL -- Albany 21, Long Island 1

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore third baseman **Derek DeGrazio** hit a pair of three-run home runs and scored four times, as Albany defeated Long Island, 21-1, in the Great Danes' home opener on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. Albany (4-10) registered its highest run total since a 22-14 win against Lafayette two years ago.

The Great Danes blew the game wide open early, scoring 14 times in the opening two frames. After the Blackbirds scored their lone run in the top of the first, **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) walked in his team's first at-bat and then scored on a two-run home run by **Joe Lamb**, who went 4-for-5 with two runs scored and five RBI. Vallone finished with two hits and three runs.

DeGrazio plated three more base runners in the first inning when he drove the ball over the left field fence for his third home run of the year. **Nick Ragone** (Christian Brothers Academy), who went 3-for-3 with three RBI and two runs, hit a solo homer to give Albany a 6-1 advantage.

In the second inning, Lamb singled, stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch before touching home on a two-run double by **Fred Estes**, who had three hits with a home run and three RBI. DeGrazio connected on his second three-run homer two batters later, as Albany increased its lead. Lamb's second single of the inning brought home two more runners and pushed the margin to 14-1.

Freshman **Nick Murphy** (Christian Brothers Academy) picked up his first collegiate win by allowing one run on three hits and recording four strikeouts. **Ethan Vaiana**, **Giorgio Fuda** and **Roman Dubiel** combined with Murphy on the four-hitter.

-agate-

Long Island (5-8)	100	000	0	-	1	4	1
Albany (4-10)	680	133	x	-	21	21	0

Pedro Jimenez, Marcello Sarrica (2), Matthew Bunyan (5), John Dooley (6) and Thomas Bennett

Nick Murphy, Ethan Vaiana (4), Giorgio Fuda (6), Roman Dubiel (7) and Jason Martin, Fred Estes (2).

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Albany 12, Vermont 11 (OT)

Troy, N.Y. – Sophomore attacker **Jenn Rajczak** scored with 14 seconds elapsed in overtime to lead Albany to a 12-11 victory over Vermont in the America East Conference opener for both teams on Thursday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Vermont (1-3, AE 0-1) tied the contest with 19 seconds remaining in regulation, when **Sarah Booker** drove from around the cage and sent a shot past goalkeeper **Amanda Heller**. Albany (2-5, AE 1-0) won the opening face-off of the six-minute overtime period to set up the game-winner. Rajczak, who also had one assist, sent a blast into the lower corner for her fifth goal of the season.

The Catamounts, who were coming off their first win of the spring one week ago, built a 10-7 lead when **Erin Hall** set up **Alison Mitchell** in front with 16:42 to play. Hall, a freshman, led her team with three goals and two assists, while **Vanessa Cox** scored three times.

Albany responded with a run of four straight to take their first lead of the second half. **Maria Ferrucci**, who had a season-high four goals, tied the contest with a free-position shot. Senior midfielder **Andrea Esposito** then gave her club an 11-10 lead with 4:57 left, as she found the net unassisted in a play that originated off a turnover at midfield.

Esposito totaled a season-best three goals and one assist, while freshman **Domenica LoRe** added a pair of goals. Heller, who moved to goalkeeper from defense two weeks ago, totaled nine saves for the Great Danes, who won for the second time in the last three days.

-agate-

Vermont (1-3, AE 0-1)	7	4	0	-	11
Albany (2-5, AE 1-0)	5	6	1	-	12

Vermont – Scoring: Erin Hall 3-2, Vanessa Cox 3-0, Alison Aucoin 1-2, Molly Sheehan 1-1, Sara Talbot 1-0, Alison Mitchell 1-0, Sarah Booker 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kate McBride (66:00, 14 saves, 12 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 4-0, Andrea Esposito 3-1, Domenica LoRe 2-0, Jenn Rajczak 1-1, Courtney Hill 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Elizabeth Michalenko 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (66:00, 9 saves, 11 GA).

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UALBANY FOOTBALL BEGINS SPRING PRACTICE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach **Bob Ford** will have 39 returning lettermen, including 15 starters, available, when the Great Danes begin spring football practice this weekend. The first practice is slated for Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. on the Western Avenue fields. The 15-session schedule continues through Friday, May 2.

Albany captured its first-ever Northeast Conference championship in 2002, plus won the ECAC Division I-AA Classic with a 24-0 victory over Duquesne. The Great Danes, who finished with an 8-4 record, have eight starters returning on offense and seven on defense.

“Every spring you are looking to fill positions vacated by graduation and evaluate the younger people in your program,” said Ford, who was voted last year’s NEC coach of the year and has a 194-137-1 career record in 34 seasons at the collegiate level. “We need to evaluate our quarterback situation on offense, in terms of a starter and depth, and identify a starting linebacker, free safety and roverbak on defense. We also lost an all-conference punter, so we will be taking a long look at the kickers and special teams.”

All-America tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coyemans-Selkirk) leads the list of returning players on offense. Jones, the NEC offensive player of the year, rushed for 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns, and established nine school single-season records. He will work with a veteran offensive line that includes first-team all-conference tackles **Geir Gudmundsen** (6-6, 310) and **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury H.S., 6-4, 270). Flanker **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) is the top returning receiver with 37 receptions for 478 yards and five touchdowns, while fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) rushed for 642 yards and four TDs. Crudo and George both earned second-team all-league honors.

Ford and his staff will have to replace All-NEC quarterback Ryan Roeder, who passed for 1,366 yards and accounted for 16 touchdowns as a thrower and runner. **Justin Kozlowski** (6-2, 205) and **Anthony Sciarra** (6-1, 198) saw limited action in a back-up role last season. **Nicholas Bazan** (6-0, 190) split time between quarterback and split end, while Colgate transfer **Uli Delgado** (Gloversville), a 6-foot-1, 208-pound athlete, will also be in the mix.

Albany has a strong defensive line returning with second-team all-conference defensive tackle **David Parks** (6-0, 265) and local scholastic standouts **John Bolt** (Watervliet) and **Matt Kryzak** (Albany Academy). Parks totaled 31 tackles and 5.5 sacks for a unit that ranked fifth nationally among Division I-AA teams in rushing defense at 92.3 yards per game. Bolt, a defensive end, recorded 30 tackles and 3.5 sacks, while Kryzak, a defensive tackle, had 38 total hits, including 5.5 sacks.

The Great Danes will need to offset the loss of All-America inside linebacker Josh Bazan, who finished his career as the school’s all-time leading tackler. Senior **Victor Camacho** (58 tackles) is a candidate for that position. **Kurt Campbell** (6-2, 217) will make the move from cornerback to roverbak during spring drills.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Troy, N.Y. – **Alexis DiDomenico** and **Maria Ferrucci** each had three goals and one assist, as Albany upended Siena, 18-5, for the Great Danes' first victory of the season on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Siena (2-2) drew even at three apiece with 8:58 remaining in the first half, as **Gina Purpura** converted **Stephanie Petruccelli's** pass. Albany (1-5) regrouped by scoring four consecutive times over the next six minutes. Ferrucci, a senior attacker, put her team ahead when she scored unassisted in transition. She added a pair of free-position goals in that span for a 7-3 lead.

The Great Danes, who began the season with five straight losses, took firm control with four goals over the opening 10 minutes of the second half. DiDomenico, a junior attacker, tallied a season-best third goal of the game from in front of the cage to start the period. Freshman **Domenica LoRe** scored twice, one off **Andrea Esposito's** (Saratoga Springs) pinpoint- pass to the top of the crease, before **Jenn Rajczak** (Scotia-Glenville) connected with one of her three goals that gave her team a 12-4 advantage.

Albany's **Ashley Heilmann** had a career-high three goals, including two in the final period, while freshman **Nikki Donohue** totaled two goals and two assists. **Amanda Heller** and **Ally Scalzo** combined to make 11 saves in the Albany cage. Purpura scored twice and goalkeeper **Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle** stopped 19 shots for the Saints, who were coming off a 15-9 victory over Binghamton in their last outing.

-agate-

Siena (2-2)	4	1	-	5
Albany (1-5)	8	10	-	18

Siena – Scoring: Gina Purpura 2-0, Joan Paul 1-1, Karla Gudgel 1-0, Usabel Ohanian 1-0, Stephanie Petruccelli 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle (60:00, 19 saves, 18 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 3-1, Alexis DiDomenico 3-1, Jenn Rajczak 3-0, Ashley Heilmann 3-0, Nikki Donohue 2-2, Domenica LoRe 2-1, Courtney Hill 2-0, Andrea Esposito 0-2, Elizabeth Michalenko 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (50:15, 8 saves, 4 GA), Ally Scalzo (9:45, 3 saves, 1 GA).

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ANDREA LINDGREN AND MAEGAN LARSEN HONORED WITH AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE WEEKLY SOFTBALL AWARDS

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andrea Lindgren** has been chosen as the America East Conference Pitcher of the Week in women's softball, as announced today by the conference office. Freshman shortstop **Maegan Larsen** was tabbed as the America East rookie of the week.

Lindgren, a junior right-hander, recorded the first no-hitter by an Albany pitcher in two years, when she blanked Sacred Heart, 10-0, on March 21 at the UMBC Spring Classic. She struck out four while facing one batter over the minimum. Lindgren also picked up her second save of the season in last Saturday's 3-2 victory over Maryland-Baltimore County. She has a 5-2 record in nine appearances, and is second in the conference with a 1.34 earned run average.

Larsen was voted the UMBC Spring Classic's offensive MVP award, as she batted .385 in 13 at-bats with two game-winning hits. Her single with two outs in the fifth inning scored the winning run against Canisius. She also drilled a two-run homer in the victory over Maryland-Baltimore County. Larsen ranks fourth among the America East leaders with a .384 batting average, plus is fifth in RBI (10) and tied for third in doubles (4).

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MARTOCCHIA NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Chris Martocchia** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

Martocchia, a freshman attackman, had six goals, one assist and three ground balls in two games last week. He scored a season-high four times in last Saturday's 11-10 victory over Drexel. Martocchia tallied what proved to be the winning goal with 4:13 remaining. He also had two goals and one assist in his team's loss to sixth-ranked Massachusetts on March 18.

Martocchia, an All-Nassau County performer on the high school level, is tied for second among the UAlbany scoring leaders with 10 points (8 goals, 2 assists) and has a .381 shot percentage.

Albany (3-3) begins America East Conference play at Binghamton on Saturday, March 29, at 1:00 p.m.

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Towson 6, Albany 2

Towson, Md. – **Derek Dixon** went 2-for-4 including a home run that broke a 1-1 tie, as Towson won the rubber game of the series, 6-2, against Albany on Sunday afternoon at Schuerholz Park. The two teams split a doubleheader on Saturday with the Great Danes taking the first, 6-3, but dropping the second, 8-4.

Towson (9-6), which is now 6-2 at home, scored three in the seventh to take the lead. Dixon, a sophomore outfielder, laced a one-out offering from Albany pitcher **Steve Emmerthal**, who allowed two earned runs over 6.2 innings and struck out seven, over the fence in left center field for his first career home run. **Kurt Zimniewicz's** wide throw to first allowed two more Tigers to cross the plate and increase the lead to 4-1. Towson added a pair of runs in the eighth on a **Jeremy Stifler** home run and an RBI single by **Tom Trela**.

Freshman **Dennis Lane** pitched four innings, allowing only a solo home run by Zimniewicz, his team-leading fifth, to record his first career win. Albany (3-10) tallied its other run on a sacrifice fly by **Brendan Chiavaro** in the first inning.

Albany (3-10)	100	000	001	-	2	6	3
Towson (9-6)	010	000	32x	-	6	7	2

Steve Emmerthal, Jeff Mazzola (7) and Jason Martin

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TENNIS – Sacred Heart 6, Albany 1

Latham, N.Y. – Sacred Heart's **Lauren Galatie** came-from-behind to win at #1 singles and also teamed with **Darcy Shoop** to capture their doubles match, as Sacred Heart defeated Albany 6-1 on Saturday at the Tri-Cities Latham Tennis Court.

Galatie lost the first set, 6-0, to Albany's **Violeta Petijevic** before rebounding and winning the last two, 7-6 (5) and 6-3. She was the lone Pioneer to win both her matches.

Albany's lone point came at #2 singles, when **Courtney Michels**, who has won her last three matches, defeated Shoop, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4. The Great Danes were victorious at #2 doubles, as **Marisa** and **Alex Berley** defeated **Jeanne Sampson** and **Tiffany Paul**, 8-1. Albany was unable to earn the doubles point as Sacred Heart won the other two matches.

-agate-

Sacred Heart 6, Albany 1

Doubles

#1 – Lauren Galatie/Darcy Shoop (Sacred Heart) def. Violeta Petijevic/Courtney Michels (Albany) 9-7

#2 – Alex Berley/Marisa Berley (Albany) def. Jeanne Sampson/Tiffany Paul (Sacred Heart) 8-1

#3 – Katelyn Kittredge/Kim Giangregorio (Sacred Heart) def. Krista Babiarz/Reeba Miller (Albany) 8-3

Sacred Heart wins doubles point

Singles

#1 – Galatie (Sacred Heart) def. Petijevic (Albany) 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3

#2 – Michels (Albany) def. Shoop (Sacred Heart) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4

#3 – Sonia Jalli (Sacred Heart) def. M. Berley (Albany) 6-2, 6-1

#4 – Sampson (Sacred Heart) def. Babiarz (Albany) 7-5, 6-4

#5 – Lissa Von Brecht (Sacred Heart) def. A. Berley (Albany) 6-3, 6-4

#6 – Paul (Sacred Heart) def. Miller (Albany) 6-4, 6-3

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SOFTBALL GOES 2-1 ON DAY TWO OF THE UMBC SPRING CLASSIC

Baltimore, Md. – Freshman **Maegan Larsen's** single with two outs in the bottom of the fifth plated **Jen Nolette**, as Albany defeated Canisius, 2-1, on Saturday afternoon at the UMBC Softball Stadium. The Great Danes won two of three on day two of the UMBC Spring Classic, falling to Drexel, 1-0, and beating Maryland-Baltimore County, 3-2, in a completion of Friday's suspended game.

Albany (11-3) took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth against Canisius, as **Brittany Burnham**, who pinch ran for **Andrea Lindgren**, scored when the Golden Griffin's **Amanda Luukinen** mishandled **Julie Gannon's** groundball. Lindgren pitched a complete game by allowing one run on five hits, while striking out six. She picked up her third straight win and fifth of the season.

Earlier in the day, Drexel's **Elizabeth Fuller** hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third and tossed a one-hit shutout. **Danielle Buyea** was equally as tough allowing just two hits over six innings, while recording her first loss of the year.

Prior to the Drexel game, Albany completed its contest from the previous day against UMBC. Larsen belted a two-run homer to give the Great Danes a 3-0 lead. **Kristin Couris** pitched the first six innings, giving up two runs on four hits to improve her record to 4-0. Lindgren entered in the seventh to earn her second save.

(Game 3)

Canisius (7-14)	000	000	1	-	1	5	2
Albany (11-3)	000	110	x	-	2	5	1

Andrea Bunten, Courtney Piar (6) and Rebecca Murphy
Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal

(Game 2)

Albany (10-3)	000	000	0	-	0	1	1
Drexel (3-7)	001	000	x	-	1	2	1

Danielle Buyea and Stacy Kowal
Elizabeth Fuller and Bridget Flynn

(Game 1)

Albany (10-2)	100	020	0	-	3	9	0
UMBC (13-10)	000	020	0	-	2	4	0

Kristin Couris, Andrea Lindgren (7) and Ali Meacham, Stacy Kowal (7)
Kristin Bulay and Christina French

BASEBALL SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER WITH TOWSON

Towson, Md. – **Brendan Chiavaro** went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBI as Albany won its third straight game defeating Towson, 6-3, in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Schuerholz Park. The Great Danes' win streak ended in the nightcap with an 8-4 loss.

Albany (3-9) trailed 3-2 entering the top of the fifth, as **Tony Vallone** led off with a single. After a **Joe Lamb** ground out and a Chiavaro single, Vallone would score to tie the game on a sacrifice fly by **Jason Martin**. The Great Danes went ahead with a three-run sixth. With the bases loaded, Lamb's RBI groundout plated **Nick Ragone** and Chiavaro followed him with a two-run single to left field. Junior right hander **Adam Kroft** went all seven innings, giving up three runs on six hits to win his first game of the year.

In the nightcap, the Tigers (8-6) tallied five unearned runs in a six-run third to grab a 7-1 lead. The big blow in that inning came off the bat of **Tom Trela**, who went 2-for-3 with four RBI, as he hit a two-out, three-run home run over the right field fence.

The Great Danes mounted a comeback in the sixth with Lamb leading off with his first home run of the season. Chiavaro then walked, stole second and advance to third on a wild pitch, before being driven home by Martin. The two-run outburst saw Towson bring in **Steve Swiech** to pitch for **John Caslin**, who improved his record to 3-0. After Martin would score on a Tiger double play, then Swiech got Ragone to ground out.

(Game 1)

Albany	110	013	0	-	6	12	0
Towson	012	000	0	-	3	6	0

Adam Kroft and Jason Martin

Jason Summerlin, Jason Seger (5), Steve Swiech (7) and Brian Kearney

(Game 2)

Albany (3-9)	001	003	0	-	4	4	2
Towson (8-6)	016	100	x	-	8	10	2

Kyle Thomas, Nick Murphy (3), Ethan Vaiana (5) and Fred Estes
John Caslin, Steve Swiech (5) and Jeremy Stifler

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany 11, Drexel 10

Philadelphia, Pa. – Sophomore attack **Luke Daquino** scored the go-ahead goal with four minutes and 42 seconds remaining, and Albany held on for an 11-10 non-conference victory over Drexel on Saturday afternoon at Drexel Field.

Drexel (1-5) rallied from a five-goal deficit in the opening half to take a 7-6 lead in the third period. **Brendan Morgan**, who had two goals and three assists, put his team in front with his seventh of the season. The Dragons won seven of eight face-offs en route to a five-goal quarter.

Albany (3-3) regained the lead in the final period, when Daquino, who had two goals and one assist, scored for a 10-9 advantage. Freshman **Chris Martocchia** then gave the Great Danes some needed insurance with his fourth goal of the game, a career-high total.

The Dragons closed the gap as **Sean Moloney**, last year's Colonial Athletic Association rookie of the year, netted his ninth goal of the year with 2:22 to play. Drexel had an opportunity to tie the contest on the game's last possession, but Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** stopped **Patrick Friel's** shot with three seconds left. Rae finished with 11 saves.

Friel, a senior, led his team with three goals and one assist, while freshman **Matt Musci** scored three times. Senior midfielder **Chris Driscoll** had one goal and two assists for the Great Danes, who rebounded from last Tuesday's loss to sixth-ranked Massachusetts.

-agate-

Albany (3-3)	3	2	2	4	-	11
Drexel (1-5)	0	2	5	3	-	10

Albany – Scoring: Chris Martocchia 4-0, Luke Daquino 2-1, Chris Driscoll 1-2, Jon Smith 1-1, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Bobby Gabriel 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 11 saves, 10 GA).

Drexel – Scoring: Patrick Friel 3-1, Matt Musci 3-0, Brendan Morgan 2-3, Sean Moloney 1-1, Sean Metz 1-0, Jesse Rumble 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Will Melton (59:00, 13 saves, 10 GA), Pat Walls (1:00, 0 saves, 1 GA).

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Massachusetts 20, Albany 1

Amherst, Mass. – Junior attack **Hope Zelinger** had five goals and one assist in leading Massachusetts to a 20-1 victory over Albany on Thursday afternoon at Garber Field. The Minutewomen, who improved to 4-2 overall, bounced back from a loss to nationally-ranked Dartmouth four days ago.

Lydia Robinson, who put UMass ahead just two minutes into the contest, and **Lori Kain** each had three goals. **Kerri Connerty** totaled two goals and one assist, while **Miriam Godfrey** tallied her first points of the season with a pair of goals.

Albany (0-5) trailed 11-0 at halftime, and finally got on the scoreboard with 4:54 remaining when **Alexis DiDomenico** found the net off **Jenn Rajczak's** feed. The Great Danes meet Siena at Rensselaer's Harkness Field on Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m. -agate-

Albany (0-5)	0	1	-	1
Massachusetts (4-2)	11	9	-	20

Albany – Scoring: Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 3 saves, 20 GA).

Massachusetts – Scoring: Hope Zelinger 5-1, Lyndia Robinson 3-0, Lori Kain 3-0, Kerri Connerty 2-1, Miriam Godfrey 2-0, Jackie Nesbitt 1-1, Jada Emery 1-1, Beth Rogers 1-1, Leslie Pollock 1-0, Sara DiOrazio 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Cyndi Doyle (43:00, 2 saves, 0 GA), Joey Rubin (17:00, 4 saves, 1 GA).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES KALEKENI BANDA WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Kalekeni M. Banda as head women's soccer coach. Banda, who has coached on the collegiate level since 1980, becomes the second full-time coach in the UAlbany program's history.

Banda, a two-time NSCAA national coach of the year, has coached both men's and women's soccer programs during his career. He previously was the head men's coach at the University of Wisconsin, as he brought stability to the program during his five-year tenure. The Badgers improved to the point where they posted a pair of 10-win campaigns in 2000 and 2001. He coached seven All-Big Ten Conference and seven All-Great Lakes Region players.

Banda, who has guided teams to post-season play 10 times and coached 25 All-Americans, previously was the head men's coach at Amherst College in Massachusetts for seven years. He reshaped the program and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament in his fourth season, and was named the 1993 New England Intercollegiate Soccer League (NEISL) Coach of the Year. Banda also took the Lord Jeffs to the NAAs two years later.

As the women's soccer head coach at University of Massachusetts, Banda put together his greatest successes. From 1982-87, the Minutewomen appeared in six consecutive NCAA tournaments, including five straight national semifinals. UMass was the runner-up in 1987 after losing to North Carolina in the championship. His team posted a 20-2-0 overall record, and he received his second national coach of the year award.

Banda ranks among Division I's top women's coaches in career winning percentage (.806) and victories with a 125-20-10 record. At Massachusetts, he coached 20 All-Americans as well as 31 All-New England players. He was a three-time NSCAA/New England Region coach of the year award recipient. For his efforts, Banda was inducted into the UMass Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

A native of Malawi, Africa, Banda has also been successful as a collegiate track and field coach at both Amherst and Massachusetts. As the women's coach at UMass and both the men's and women's track coach at Amherst, he was responsible for one national champion, 16 NCAA qualifiers and 50 school records.

Banda, 51, participated in both soccer and track and field at the University of Massachusetts, where he received a B.S. in physical education in 1975. He returned to his native country to take the position of sports officer and coach at the Ministry of Sports and Culture. Banda also served as coach of several Malawi National Olympic teams for a three-year period before returning to the United States in 1979.

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The son of a Malawi diplomat to the United Nations, Banda also has ties to the state of New York. He attended Mamaroneck High School in Westchester County, lettering in both soccer and track and field. In recognition of his playing and coaching accomplishments, he was enshrined into the high school's athletic hall of fame on Nov. 7, 1999.

Kalekeni M. Banda's Coaching Record

WOMEN

Year	School	Record	Postseason
1980	Massachusetts	15-3-1	EIAIW - 3rd
1981	Massachusetts	13-6-2	AIAW - 7th
1982	Massachusetts	15-4-0	NCAA Quarterfinals
1983	Massachusetts	12-3-3	NCAA Semifinals
1984	Massachusetts	15-3-2	NCAA Semifinals
1985	Massachusetts	16-1-0	NCAA Semifinals
1986	Massachusetts	14-3-2	NCAA Semifinals
1987	Massachusetts	20-2-0	NCAA Runner-up

MEN

Year	School	Record	Postseason
1990	Amherst	2-9-3	
1991	Amherst	6-6-2	
1992	Amherst	1-11-2	
1993	Amherst	8-3-3	NCAA Tour.
1994	Amherst	6-6-2	
1995	Amherst	8-4-4	NCAA Tour.
1996	Amherst	6-7-1	
1997	Wisconsin	7-13-0	
1998	Wisconsin	4-15-1	
1999	Wisconsin	6-13-1	
2000	Wisconsin	10-9-1	
2001	Wisconsin	10-8-1	

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Albany 3, Central Connecticut State 2

New Britain, Conn. – **Kurt Zimniewicz** went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead Albany to a 3-2 victory over Central Connecticut State on Tuesday afternoon at Balf-Savin Baseball Field.

Albany (2-8), which won its second straight game, tallied a run in the first as **Brendan Chiavaro**, who went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, drove home **Tony Vallone**, who went 2-for-5 with a stolen base, on a ground out to the shortstop. In the sixth, Chiavaro tripled with one out and then broke a 1-1 tie when he scored on Zimniewicz's two-out single through the left side. Zimniewicz, who has gone 7-for-9 with three home runs and nine RBI in his last three games, added an insurance run in the top of the eighth when his third hit of the game once again plated Chiavaro.

Central Connecticut State (2-3) mounted a rally in the bottom of the ninth against Albany starter **Steve Emmerthal**, as **Nick Mullins** singled home **Phil Rothkugel** with two outs. Emmerthal, who allowed two runs and struck out four in tossing a complete game, induced a groundball from **Keith Stegbauer** to force Mullins out at second and end the game.

-agate-

Albany (2-8)	100	001	010	-	3	9	0
Central Connecticut State (2-3)	001	000	001	-	2	8	1

Steve Emmerthal and Jason Martin.

Barry Hertzler, Zachary Herrick (4), Don Crossman (7), Lewis Pappariella (7) and Tim D'Aquila

#6 Massachusetts 15, Albany 5

Amherst, Mass. – **Jeff Zywicki** had a career-high seven goals and added two assists, as unbeaten Massachusetts overpowered Albany in the second half for a 15-5 non-conference victory on Tuesday afternoon at Garber Field.

Massachusetts (5-0), ranked sixth in this week's STX/USILA national poll, snapped an early 1-1 tie with three consecutive goals. **Kevin Glenz** scored the first of his two goals after taking a flip pass from **Kevin Leveille**, who had a career-best six assists. **Chris Doyle** later converted a drive from the right side for a 4-1 lead with 29 seconds left in the first quarter.

Albany (2-3) closed within 4-2, when freshman **Chris Martocchia**, who had two goals and one assist, found the cage on the last offensive play of the stanza.

The Minutemen finally broke the defensive struggle open with a pair of goals in the final minute of the second quarter. **Gene Tundo** scored from the top of the crease, before Zywicki fired a shot inside the right post.

Massachusetts pulled away with a five-goal third period. **Ryan Connolly** started that stretch when he scored unassisted on a deflection off a defender's stick. Zywicki, a junior

attacker, scored three straight times over the final seven minutes of the quarter for an 11-3 lead after three periods. The Minutemen took control in that period with 17 shots on goal.

Connolly and Tundo, a pair of sophomores, finished with two goals apiece. Starting goalkeeper **Bill Schell** made 11 saves. Albany's **Luke Daquino** had one goal and two assists, while Kevin Rae stopped 16 shots in the cage.

-agate-

Albany (2-3)	2	0	1	2	--	5
#6 Massachusetts (5-0)	4	2	5	4	--	15

Albany Scoring – Chris Martocchia 2-1, Luke Daquino 1-2, Tim Primrose 1-0, Brendan Russell 1-0, Christopher Preble 0-1, Chris Driscoll 0-1, Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 16 saves, 15 GA)

Massachusetts Scoring – Jeff Zywicki 7-2, Ryan Connolly 2-0, Kevin Glenz 2-0, Gene Tundo 2-0, Chris Doyle 1-0, Andy Kerr 1-0, Kevin Leveille 0-6, Tony Ventiquattro 0-2, Chris Fiore 0-1, Goalkeeper(s): Bill Schell (49:38, 11 saves, 3 GA), Derek Kunkle (7:20, 2 saves, 2 GA), Scott Hinchey (3:02, 2 saves, 0 GA)

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MICHAEL SOLAZZO NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Michael Solazzo** has been selected as the America East Conference Player of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office.

Solazzo tied a career-high with four goals and added one assist in a 16-12 non-conference victory over Delaware on March 15. He scored three times in the pivotal three quarter, including back-to-back goals that gave the Great Danes a 12-6 lead.

Delaware came into the contest with a three-game winning streak and received votes in last week's national rankings.

Solazzo, a junior attackman from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., ranks fifth among the America East scoring leaders at 2.25 points per game. He has seven goals and two assists for nine points this season.

Albany (2-2) travels to Massachusetts (4-0) on Tuesday, March 18. The Minutemen, who are ranked sixth in the latest STX/USILA national poll, are coming off last Saturday's 18-6 victory over No. 18 Brown.

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ALBANY BASEBALL PICKS UP FIRST WIN OF THE YEAR WITH A DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT AGAINST HOFSTRA

Hempstead, N.Y. – **Kurt Zimniewicz** hit three home runs, including a grand slam, plus scored six runs and had seven RBI, as Albany split a doubleheader with Hofstra on Sunday afternoon at University Field. Hofstra took the opener 13-11, but Albany picked up its first win of the year in the nightcap with a 13-6 win.

The Great Danes (1-8) wasted no time getting on the board in the second game, as the team tallied five runs in the first stanza. After **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) walked to load the bases, Zimniewicz, who went 2-for-3 with a home run and three runs scored in the first game, launched **Brendan Smar's** offering over the outfield wall for a grand slam and give Albany a 5-0 lead. Two innings later, Zimniewicz hit his third home run of the afternoon to drive in Vallone, who went 2-for-3 with three runs scored in game two, and increase the lead to 7-0.

The Flying Dutchmen would close the gap to 10-5 after five innings, but Albany answered with three in the top of the sixth, as **Pat Delaney** singled home two and **Nick Ragone** (Christian Brothers Academy) added a sacrifice fly for a 13-5 lead. **Jeff Mazzola** pitched five innings allowed three earned runs and struck out five for his first win of the season.

In the opener, **Edward Cook** hit a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh with no outs to give Hofstra the come-from-behind victory. Albany led 11-9 after six thanks in part to an eight-RBI effort from sophomore **Derek DeGrazio**. DeGrazio, who was one behind Roger Plantier's single-game record (9, versus Siena 1978), hit a grand slam in the fourth and doubled home three in sixth to account for seven of his eight runs batted in.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	034	013	0	-	11	9	1
Hofstra	321	111	4	-	13	13	0

(no outs when winning run was scored)

Adam Kroft, Giorgio Fuda (6), Shawn Ryan (6), Steve Emmerthal (7) and Jason Martin.
Ryan Cosentino, Danny Zuccerello (6), Steve Conley (7) and Bryan Bugg

(Game 2)

Albany (1-8)	502	123	0	-	13	17	3
Hofstra (2-9)	000	140	1	-	6	4	2

Jeff Mazzola, Nick Murphy (6) and Jason Martin
Brendan Smar, David Huth (6) and Steven Oliveri

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MEN'S LACROSSE – Albany 16, Delaware 12

Newark, Del. – Junior attackman **Michael Solazzo** tied a career-high with four goals and added one assist to lead Albany to a 16-12 non-conference victory over Delaware on Saturday afternoon at Rullo Stadium.

Albany (2-2) leaped to a 4-0 lead in the opening nine minutes behind the play of sophomore **Luke Daquino**, who had two goals and matched a career-best with four assists. Daquino scored unassisted, before setting up Solazzo for a 2-0 advantage with 11:55 left in the first quarter.

The Great Danes, who were coming off losses to Johns Hopkins and Rutgers, a pair of nationally-ranked teams, scored three times within a two-minute span of the second quarter to build an 8-2 lead. Daquino, a second-team All-America East Conference attacker last year, rifled a shot into the top of the cage, and then fed **Brendan Russell** 17 seconds later after his team controlled the following face-off on the artificial surface.

Delaware (4-3) closed within 8-5 early in the third period, when **Luke Wiles** converted one of this team's three man-advantage goals. However, the Great Danes ripped off six of the game's next seven goals to take control. **Jon Smith** ignited that run with an unassisted goal on a delayed penalty, while Solazzo scored three times, including his seventh of the season, in the quarter.

The Blue Hens, who received votes in this week's STX/USILA national poll and were riding a three-game win streak, trailed 15-7 late in the third stanza, but then responded with five straight scores. Freshmen **Kurt Nordhoff**, who had three goals and two assists, and **Xander Ritz**, who scored three times and added one assist, led the charge. Albany's **Bobby Gabriel** converted an unassisted goal to quell the storm with 3:04 remaining.

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Albany (2-2)	5	3	7	1	-	16
Delaware (4-3)	1	2	5	4	-	12

Albany – Scoring: Michael Solazzo 4-1, Luke Daquino 2-4, Brendan Russell 2-0, Jon Smith 2-0, Tim Primrose 2-0, Bobby Gabriel 1-2, Matthew Fiasconaro 1-1, Chris Martocchia 1-1, Randy Donaldson 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 15 saves, 12 GA).

Delaware – Scoring: Kurt Nordhoff 3-2, Xander Ritz 3-1, Scott Evans 2-1, Matt Alrich 1-1, Bob Meunier 1-1, Andy Hipple 1-0, Luke Wiles 1-0; R.C. Reed 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Chris Collins (60:00, 15 saves, 16 GA).

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McGINLAY & HUTCHESON NAMED TO AMERICA EAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jess McGinlay** and **Danielle Hutcheson** have been chosen to the America East all-conference women's basketball team, as announced this evening by the conference office. McGinlay and Hutcheson, a pair of second-team selections, are the first UAlbany players to earn all-conference recognition since the school joined the league in the 2001-02 academic year.

McGinlay, a senior co-captain, ranked sixth in the America East in scoring at 15.2 points per game. She led the league in three-point field goals made (2.63 pg), and was third in both free throw percentage (.848) and 3-point percentage (.406). McGinlay, of Burke, Va., broke or tied several school records, including three-pointers in a season (71), career three-point field goals (152), single-game three-pointers (7) and single-season points by a senior (411). McGinlay, a four-year letterwinner, finished fourth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,109 points.

Hutcheson, a 6-foot-4 center, was seventh among the America East leaders in scoring with a 13.9 average, plus was third in rebounding (9.4 pg) and third in blocked shots (1.22 pg). She was also third in double-doubles with 11 and fifth in field goal percentage (.472). A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Hutcheson finished her second year as a collegian with 375 points and 253 rebounds, both single-season totals were school records by a sophomore. She earned America East player of the week honors in January with a 16-point, 11-rebound performance against Binghamton.

Albany completed the season with a 9-18 record, including 3-13 in conference play. The Great Danes registered a five-win improvement and bettered their league record from the previous season under first-year head coach Trina Patterson.

2002-03 America East Women's Basketball All-Conference Selections

First Team – Heather Ernest (Maine), Sherry Jordan (Stony Brook), Morgan Hall (Vermont), Maren Matthias (New Hampshire), Katie Terhune (Boston U.).

Second Team – Melissa Heon (Maine), Danielle Hutcheson (Albany), Jess McGinlay (Albany), Angie Pezzetta (Hartford), Aaron Yantzi (Vermont).

Third Team – Kim Corbitt (Maine), Aubrey Danen (New Hampshire), Melissa Kowalski (Northeastern), Marisa Moseley (Boston U.), Kate Townley (Binghamton).

All-Rookie Team – Katarina Andersson (Northeastern), Jen Blues (Binghamton), Danyelle Ingram (Stony Brook), Katie Meinhardt (Boston U.), Abby Schrader (Maine.)

Player of the Year: Heather Ernest, Maine; **Rookie of the Year:** Katie Meinhardt, Boston U.;
Defensive Player of the Year: Kim Corbitt, Maine; **Coach of the Year:** Sharon Versyp, Maine.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Sacred Heart 15, Albany 10

Fairfield, Conn. – Senior attack **Jenn Girouard** had five goals and two assists, including the go-ahead score early in the second half, as Sacred Heart posted a 15-10 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon in the Pioneers' home opener at Campus Field.

Sacred Heart (1-1) broke a 6-6 halftime tie on back-to-back goals by Girouard in the opening 10 minutes of the final period. Albany (0-4) closed within 8-7 on freshman midfielder **Courtney Hill's** seventh goal of the season with 18:20 remaining.

However, the Pioneers, who fell to Northwestern in their season opener, came back with four consecutive goals over a five-minute span. **Christina Macchia**, who had two goals and one assist, ignited that decisive stretch, before Girouard assisted on the next two scores. Sophomore midfielder **Mary Romano**, who had two goals and two assists, found the net unassisted for a 12-7 lead.

Senior attacker **Maria Ferrucci** scored a team-high three goals for the Great Danes, and became the school's all-time leader in that category by converting a free-position shot with 5:49 to play. Ferrucci, who has 133 career goals, broke a record previously held by Debbie August, who had 132 from 1993-96.

Albany's **Domenica LoRe**, a freshman midfielder, had two goals and two assists. Sacred Heart's **Michelle Bruckner** scored three times and assisted on another, while goalkeeper **Amy Lavoie** made 11 saves.

-agate-

Albany (0-4)	6	4	-	10
Sacred Heart (1-1)	6	9	-	15

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 3-0, Domenica LoRe 2-2, Andrea Esposito 2-0, Nikki Donohue 1-1, Elizabeth Michalenko 1-0, Courtney Hill 1-0, Kristen Mathias 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amanda Heller (60:00, 2 saves, 15 GA).

Sacred Heart – Scoring: Jenn Girouard 5-2, Michelle Bruckner 3-1, Mary Romano 2-2, Christina Macchia 2-1, JoAnn Montesarchio 2-0, Jackie Reichert 1-0, Natalie Smith 0-1, Ashley Cotter 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Amy Lavoie (60:00, 11 saves, 10 GA).

MATTHEW GREEN NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Matthew Green** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in men's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Green, a freshman midfielder from Canandaigua, N.Y., scored his first collegiate goal against top-ranked Johns Hopkins on March 4. He had one goal and three ground balls in a 14-7 loss to No. 15 Rutgers last Saturday.

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TERESA COVERT FINISHES SECOND AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – Junior **Teresa Covert** finished second in the 60-meter hurdles at the 2003 ECAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships at Northeastern University's Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. The Great Danes tied for 29th in the team standings.

Covert was edged by Villanova's **Yolanda Malcolm** at the finish line, as both sprinters were clocked in 8.55 seconds. In the preliminaries, Covert, a transfer from Temple, broke the school record set by Ellakisha Williamson by posting a time of 8.44.

Jennifer Aubin (Saratoga Springs) placed tenth in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 1-inch.

At the IC4A Championships, **Kristof Molnar** placed sixth in the finals of the 800-meter run in a time of 1:52.29. Molnar won the America East Conference 800m indoor title.

In the high jump, senior **Naron Stewart** cleared a height of 6-feet, 9-inches to finish seventh in that event. Albany placed 24th in the overall team competition, as **Paul Roche** finished second in the pentathlon with a school-record 3,709 points.

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Vermont 81, Albany 62

Boston, Mass. – **Matt Sheftic** tied a career-high with 22 points on 10-of-10 shooting in leading Vermont to an 81-62 victory over Albany in an America East Conference Tournament quarterfinal on Sunday evening at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena.

Vermont (19-11) led 25-24 with 6:17 remaining in the opening period but then held Albany (7-21) scoreless over the next five minutes. The Catamounts, the tournament's second seed, tallied eight straight points in that span. **Grant Anderson** and Sheftic each had a pair of baskets, as their team would eventually lead 36-25 at halftime.

The Catamounts, who shot better than 70% in the second half on 19-of-27 attempts, took firm control with an 11-2 run to begin the final stanza. **Taylor Coppentrath**, the America East Player of the Year, had seven of his 18 points in that outburst. His basket with 6:02 left gave UVM a commanding 47-27 cushion.

"They did a good job defensively from 18 feet and in, and were patient on offense and pounded the ball inside," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, who lost starting point guard Earv Opong in the first minutes of the game with a foot injury. "With Opong out, Jamar Wilson had to take over his position and that takes away from his scoring and cuts down an already limited rotation."

Vermont's **Corey Sullivan** and **Scotty Jones** came off the bench to score 13 and 11, respectively. Sheftic, a 6-foot-8 junior, added eight rebounds and six assists to his game-high point total.

Rhasheed Peterson led the Great Danes with 21 points in his final game as a collegian. Freshman **Levi Levine** had 13 of his 18 points in the first half. Leading scorer **Jamar Wilson** was held to nine, which ended a 21-game, double-figure scoring streak.

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FOUR SCHOOL RECORDS FALL ON DAY ONE OF IC4A/ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boston, Mass. – **Aggrey Morris** set two school records, one in the 400-meters and one as part of the 4x800-meter relay team, as Albany competed at day one of the IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center.

Morris, who already owned the school mark in the 400m dash, placed second in his heat and qualified for tomorrow's finals in a time of 47.47. Later in the day, Morris joined with **Stephen Evans, Nelson English** and **Joel Vazquez** to finish the 4x400-meter relay event in a record-breaking time of 3:13.58, which just missed advancing to the finals.

Paul Roche, who was named the America East Most Outstanding Male Field Performer at the 2003 Indoor Championships, garnered eight points for the Great Danes when he placed second in the pentathlon in a school-record score of 3,700.

Kristof Molnar, who won the AE's 1,000-meter race, finished first in his heat of the 800m run in a time of 1:51.39, and is ranked third heading into Sunday's final.

At the ECAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships, which was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, **Teresa Covert** broke Ellakisha Williamson's school mark in the 60-meter hurdles of 8.47, by posting a time of 8.44 and capturing the number seed in the finals. **Erin Goddard, Dinnah Decatus, Nicole Susser** and **Diane Matthews** qualified for the Outdoor ECAC Championships with a time of 9:14.36 in the 4x800-meter relay.

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SOFTBALL COMPLETES SPRING TRIP WITH TWO WINS

Kissimmee, Fla. – **Andrea Lindgren** went 2-for-3 and delivered a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth to propel Albany to a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday afternoon at Osceola Complex. The Great Danes, who blanked Gardner-Webb, 5-0, in the first game of the day, finished their spring trip with a record of 8-2.

Albany trailed 4-1 after three innings, as the Pioneers plated all four of their runs in the third on a series of passed balls. The Great Danes tallied a run in the fifth on an RBI-single by **Julie Gannon** to cut the lead to 4-2.

After an RBI-double by **Jen Nolette** to drive in **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls), Lindgren knocked a double to the gap off **Lauren Lapinski**, who entered the game in the sixth, to plate **Jess Kostenblatt** and Nolette and give Albany its first lead of the game at 5-4.

Kristin Couris pitched a complete game to earn her third win of the season.

Against Gardner-Webb, Gannon singled home **Katrina Dunning** in the top of the third to score Albany's first run, and **Danielle Buyea** and Lindgren combined on a four-hit shutout. **Stacy Kowal** went 2-for-2 and drove home **Maegan Larsen** in the fourth to extend the Great Danes' lead to 4-0.

Albany is now off until March 21 when they travel to Baltimore, Md. for the UMBC Spring Classic.

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(Game 1)

Albany (7-2)	002	201	0	-	5	11	1
Gardner-Webb (9-16)	000	000	0	-	0	4	2

Danielle Buyea, Andrea Lindgren (4) and Stacy Kowal.

Stephanie Taylor, Julie White (4), Jamie Mecimore and Jennifer Wallace

(Game 2)

Sacred Heart (2-7)	004	000	0	-	4	8	0
Albany (8-2)	001	013	x	-	5	9	2

Michelle Walker, Lauren Lapinski (6) and Katie Ross
 Kristin Couris and Ali Meacham

TENNIS – Vermont 5, Albany 2

Burlington, Vt. – Vermont's **Mandy Harrison** came from behind to win her #2 singles match, 4-6, 6-3, (10-2), and then teamed up with **Maika Foukal** to win in doubles, as the Catamounts defeated Albany, 5-2, in an America East Conference tennis match on Friday night at Patrick Gym.

Albany's points came at the #1 and #3 singles matches. **Violeta Petijevic** needed three sets to defeat Molly Moran, 6-2, 7-6 (4), (13-11). Petijevic also teamed with **Courtney Michels** for the Great Danes' lone doubles win, as they beat Moran and Kyna Delaney, 8-4. **Krista Babiarz** used straight sets to trump **Susannah O'Brien**, 7-5, 6-4, to record the Great Danes' other point.

Albany (0-5) will take on New Hampshire on Saturday in Burlington, Vt.

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Vermont 5, Albany 2

Doubles

#1 – Violeta Petijevic/Courtney Michels (Albany) def. Molly Moran/Kyna Delaney (Vermont) 8-4

#2 – Mandy Harrison/Maika Foukal (Vermont) def. Alex Berley/Krista Babiarz (Albany) 8-4

#3 – Susannah O'Brien/Alie Taylor (Vermont) def. Lisa Fund/Kyle Steller (Albany) 8-6

Vermont wins doubles point

Singles

#1 – Petijevic (Albany) def. Moran (Vermont) 6-2, 6-7 (4), (13-11)

#2 – Harrison (Vermont) def. Michels (Albany) 4-6, 6-3, (10-2)

#3 – Babiarz (Albany) def. O'Brien (Vermont) 7-5, 6-4

#4 – Delaney (Vermont) def. A. Berley (Albany) 6-0, 6-0

#5 – Foukal (Vermont) def. Fun (Albany) 6-0, 6-1

#6 – Taylor (Vermont) def. Kyle Steller (Albany) 6-0, 6-1

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SOFTBALL – Albany 6, Sacred Heart 4 (9 innings)

Kissimmee, Fla. – **Maegan Larsen** scored the go-ahead run with a single in the ninth to lead Albany to a 6-4 extra-inning victory over Sacred Heart at Osceola Complex. The Great Danes continue their 10-game Florida swing on Friday against Holy Cross and Loyola (Ill.)

Albany (5-1) took a 4-3 lead in the eighth, when infielder **Katrina Dunning** singled to right field to score **Jen Nolette** (Columbia). Sacred Heart (1-5) tied the contest in the bottom of the inning on **Leslie Konsig's** RBI single.

Larsen, a freshman shortstop who recorded her second game-winning hit of the season, lined a run-scoring single in the ninth to give her team the lead. She later came across for insurance on **Ashley Rios'** double against the fence in right field. Starting pitcher **Andrea Lindgren**, who went all the way on the mound, improved to 2-1 with eight strikeouts.

The Pioneers held a 3-1 lead in the second after **Jen Place** delivered a RBI single and **Melissa McManaman** and Konsig scored on passed balls. Albany drew even at three apiece in the fifth, when catcher **Stacy Kowal** tripled into the left-field gap.

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Albany (5-1)	101	010	012	-	6	12	1
Sacred Heart (1-5)	030	000	010	-	4	5	0

Andrea Lindgren and Ali Meacham, Stacy Kowal (3).

Lauren Lapinski, Michele Walker (8) and Katie Ross.

#11 Wake Forest 25, Albany 1

Winston-Salem, N.C. – **Jamie D'Antona** homered and drove in six runs as 11th-ranked Wake Forest defeated Albany, 25-1, on Thursday afternoon at Hooks Stadium.

The Demon Deacons (7-3) blew open a 3-1 game with a 13-run fourth inning. A two-run homerun by **Doug Riepe** increased the lead to 11-1 and saw **Ethan Vaiana** replace **Roman Dubiel** on the mound for the Great Danes. Things didn't get much better for Vaiana, as Wake Forest tallied five more runs, all unearned, as Albany committed four errors in the inning. **Chris Getz**, who went 4-for-6 and scored four runs, and **Ryan Hubbard** each crossed home twice in the fourth, which saw 17 men come to the plate.

Tony Vallone drove in Brendan Chiavaro with a double to rightfield for the Great Danes' lone run. Albany will wrap up its spring break trip with a game against Virginia Commonwealth on Friday at 7.

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#11 Wake Forest (7-3) 111 (13) 33 21x - 25 21 1

Mike Muller, Roman Dubiel (4), Ethan Vaiana (4), Haskell (6), Sullivan (6) and Jason Martin, Chase Muratore (5), Fred Estes (6).

Brian Bach, Kirby Wedekind (6), Indy Wilkinson (8), Kyle Young (9) and Steve Malinowski.

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ALBANY BASEBALL DROPS DOUBLEHEADER TO VCU TO OPEN THE SEASON

Richmond, Va. – **Justin Mattison** went 3-for-3, including the game-winning single as Virginia Commonwealth swept a doubleheader from Albany on Sunday evening at The Diamond in Richmond, Va. VCU won the first game, 16-1, and the nightcap, 5-0. The contests were the first two for Albany this season.

In the second game, VCU (4-3) broke open a scoreless game with four runs in the third inning. **Eric Latura** opened the inning with a double and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Mattison then singled through the right side for the game's first run. He would later come around to score on a Nick Jones' sacrifice fly. The Rams would plate two more runs in the stanza to extend the lead to 4-0.

Justin Orenduff, **Brian Marshall** and **Cla Meredith** combined on the three-hit shutout, while Albany's **Steve Emmerthal** pitched six innings, allowed four earned runs and struck out three.

In the opener, **Anthony Granato** had three hits, including a home run, scored three runs and drove in two, to lead VCU to a 16-1 win. The Rams tallied six markers in the second and five in the third for a 12-0 lead after three innings. Albany put its first run of the season on the board in the sixth inning, as **Brendan Chiavaro** drove home **Craig Farley**, who doubled with one out, with a single up the middle.

Albany will play Duke on Monday afternoon in Durham, N.C.

(Game 1)

Albany	000	001	000	-	1	5	4
Virginia Commonwealth	165	101	02x	-	16	15	0

Giorgio Fuda, Roman Dubiel (2), Nick Murphy (4), Mike Mueller (8) and Fred Estes
Michael Leishman and Jason Wawrynziak (8) and Jeff Parrish, Chase Farmer (8)

(Game 2)

Albany (0-2)	000	000	0	-	0	3	3
Virginia Commonwealth (4-3)	004	010	x	-	5	7	0

Steve Emmerthal, Kyle Thomas (6) and Chase Muratore
Justin Orenduff, Brian Marshall (5), Cla Meredith (6) and Jeff Parrish

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JAMAR WILSON NAMED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Jamar Wilson** has been selected the America East Conference Rookie of the Year in men's basketball, as announced this evening by the conference office. Wilson, a freshman, was also named second-team all-conference. **Levi Levine**, a 6-foot-6 freshman, and Wilson were both voted to the America East All-Rookie Team.

Wilson, who is the second UAlbany player to earn all-conference recognition since the school joined the league in 2001-02, ranked second among the A-East scoring leaders at 19.2 points per game. In addition, he was second in field goal percentage (.496), second in free throw percentage (.812) and eighth in assists (3.2 pg). He scored 20-plus points 12 times, including 30 or more in four contests.

Wilson, a 6'1" guard, was named the America East rookie of the week five times this season and was the conference's player of the week on Feb. 17 after averaging 34.5 points in two victories. He established school freshman records for single-game (39) and single-season scoring with 500 points. The season scoring standard had stood for 47 years, as Gary Holway had 497 in 1955-56. Wilson is the ninth player in school history to reach the 500-point mark in a season.

Levine ranked ninth in scoring (13.0 ppg), 12th in rebounding (6.1 pg), sixth in blocked shots (0.70 pg) and tied for eighth in steals (1.56 pg) among the America East leaders. He has been in the starting lineup in all 27 games this season, and has scored in twin figures 23 times. The freshman tallied a career-high 24 points against Long Island in December.

Levine twice was chosen as the conference's rookie of the week during the season. He finished the regular season with a 14-game, double-figure scoring streak.

The Great Danes, the No. 7 seed, meet second-seed Vermont in the America East Tournament quarterfinals on Sunday, March 9 at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena. Tip-off is 6:05 p.m.

2002-03 America East Men's Basketball All-Conference Selections

First Team -- Rashad Bell (Boston U.), Taylor Coppenrath (Vermont), Anthony Green (Binghamton), Jerell Parker (Hartford), Rickey White (Maine).

Second Team -- Nick Billings (Binghamton), Billy Collins (Boston U.), D.J. Munir (Stony Brook), Justin Rowe (Maine), Jamar Wilson (Albany).

Third Team -- Grant Anderson (Vermont), Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern), Ryan Butt (Boston U.), Sylbrin Robinson (Northeastern), Javorie Wilson (Northeastern).

All-Rookie Team -- Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern), Aaron Cook (Hartford), Levi Levine (Albany), Kevin Reed (Maine), Jamar Wilson (Albany).

Player of the Year: Taylor Coppenrath, Vermont; **Rookie of the Year:** Jamar Wilson, Albany
Defensive Player of the Year: Nick Billings, Binghamton; **Coach of the Year:** Dennis Wolff, Boston U.

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MEN'S LACROSSE – No. 15 Rutgers 14, Albany 7

Piscataway, N.J. – **Ken Springer** and **Jeff Duca** each scored four goals to lead Rutgers, ranked 15th nationally in the latest STX/USILA national poll, to a 14-7 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Rutgers AstroTurf Field. The Scarlet Knights improved to 5-0 on the season, and are off to their best start since 1956.

Rutgers used a four-goal first quarter to seize control early. Springer, a senior attackman, netted his first goal one minutes and 54 seconds into the contest. Duca scored twice in the period, and gave his team a 4-0 lead with 4:45 remaining.

Matthew Apel, who had one goal and two assists, and Springer tallied back-to-back goals in the second stanza for a 7-1 lead. The Scarlet Knights, who avenged an 8-6 loss to Albany last year, went into halftime with an 8-3 lead.

Albany (1-2) closed within 10-6 entering the fourth quarter. Sophomore attacker **Luke Daquino**, who totaled two goals and one assist, scored unassisted with 25 seconds to play in the third period. **Chris Driscoll** and **Michael Solazzo** also found the net in the quarter for the Great Danes, who were coming off a loss on Tuesday to Johns Hopkins, the nation's top-ranked team.

Rutgers pulled away in the final period by scoring three consecutive times. **Delby Powless** started that outburst with his 12th goal of the season off a feed from **Leif Blomquist**, who had a career-high four assists. Freshman goalkeeper **Greg Havalchak** stopped 15 shots between the pipes.

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Albany (1-2)	0	3	3	1	-	7
#15 Rutgers (5-0)	4	4	2	4	-	14

Albany – Scoring: Luke Daquino 2-1, Matthew Green 1-0, Chris Driscoll 1-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Jon Smith 1-0, Jeremy Smith 1-0, Chris Martocchia 0-1, Luke Smith 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (41:42, 5 saves, 10 GA), Chris Gill (18:18, 3 saves, 4 GA).

Rutgers – Scoring: Ken Springer 4-0, Jeff Duca 4-0, Delby Powless 2-0, Matthew Apel 1-2, Tim White 1-1, John Flanagan 1-1, Nick Schmidt 1-0, Leif Blomquist 0-4; Greg Havalchak (60:00, 15 saves, 7 GA).

MORE

ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE – Quinnipiac 17, Albany 9

Troy, N.Y. – Junior attacker **Annie Paquette** had three goals and three assists to lead Quinnipiac to a 17-9 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Quinnipiac (1-1) reversed an early 2-1 deficit by scoring four consecutive times. Freshman attacker **Danielle Mormile**, who had three goals and one assist, converted a free-position opportunity to give her team the lead for good. She later fired a low shot past Albany goalkeeper **Ally Scalzo** for a 5-2 advantage with 10:51 left in the first half.

The Bobcats, who opened their schedule with a loss to Boston University, led 8-4 in the second half, but then tallied five of the game's next six goals to take firm control. Paquette started that run with an unassisted goal, before **Amy Willis** and **Kristen Oldenburg** found the net 30 seconds apart. **Kate Danowski** scored her second goal of the game for a 13-4 cushion with 13:38 remaining.

Quinnipiac's Willis finished with three goals and one assist, while **Kim Unser** scored twice. Senior goalkeeper **Meagan Matthews** totaled 16 saves in the cage.

Courtney Hill and **Nikki Donohue**, a pair of freshmen, each had three goals to lead the Great Danes, who fall to 0-3 on the season. **Maria Ferrucci**, a senior midfielder, added one goal and one assist.

-agate-

Quinnipiac (1-1)	7	10	-	17
Albany (0-3)	3	6	-	9

Quinnipiac – Scoring: Annie Paquette 3-3, Amy Willis 3-1, Danielle Mormile 3-1, Kate Danowski 2-1, Kim Unser 2-0, Jennifer Larson 1-1, Jennifer Martha 1-0, Kristen Oldenburg 1-0, Kristen Holzer 1-0, Christy Smallman 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Meagan Matthews (60:00, 16 saves, 9 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Nikki Donohue 3-0, Courtney Hill 3-0, Maria Ferrucci 1-1, Andrea Esposito 1-0, Domenica LoRe 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 0-1, Jenn Rajczak 0-1, Kristen Mathias 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Ally Scalzo (60:00, 7 saves, 17 GA).

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SOFTBALL SPLITS A PAIR AT REBEL SPRING GAMES

Kissimmee, Fla. – **Jess Kostenblatt** had a two-run single in the sixth to propel Albany past Holy Cross, 6-4, on Friday afternoon at Osceola Complex. The Great Danes, who lost their second game of the day to Loyola-Chicago, 3-2, will wrap up their 10-game Florida swing on Saturday against Gardner-Webb and Sacred Heart.

Albany (6-2) jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a single by **Julie Gannon** and **Maegan Larsen's** walk, which forced home Kostenblatt. **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) scored her first of two runs in the second on a single by **Liz Wieboldt**.

After the Crusaders closed the gap to 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth, the Great Danes answered with three tallies in the sixth. Kostenblatt plated both **Katrina Dunning** and **Brittany Burnham** with a single to extend Albany's lead to 6-2.

Danielle Buyea pitched five innings for her second win and **Kristin Couris** closed out the game to earn her first save of the year.

In the second game, Loyola-Chicago's **Susan Scott** homered to tie the game at 2 apiece and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly in the sixth, as the Ramblers came from behind. The Great Danes' two runs came off the bat of **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls), who singled home Kostenblatt in the second and Larsen in the fourth. **Andrea Lindgren** suffered the loss despite allowing three runs on three hits.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany (6-1)	210	003	0	-	6	8	4
Holy Cross (0-8)	000	020	2	-	4	8	4

Danielle Buyea, Kristin Couris (6) and Ali Meacham.
Michelle Green, Nicole Vitti (4) and Heather Johnson.

(Game 2)

Albany (6-2)	010	000	0	-	2	5	2
Loyola-Chicago (7-2)	100	101	x	-	3	3	0

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal
Mia Pangere and Susan Scott

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2-2

Virginia Commonwealth 9, Albany 4

Richmond, Va. – **Paul Swack** went 2-for-2 and scored two runs, including the game-winning run in the seventh inning, as Virginia Commonwealth rallied past Albany to post a 9-4 victory on Friday afternoon at The Diamond.

Albany pitcher **Steve Emmerthal**, who had allowed only three runs and struck out nine through six innings, ran into a jam in the seventh as the Rams loaded the bases with two outs. **Juan Hernandez's** throwing error on a groundball by **Anthony Granato** allowed **Jose Pabon** and Swack to score the tying and go-ahead runs and give VCU a 5-4 lead.

Virginia Commonwealth added four more runs in the eighth, as **Justin Mattison** lined a base-clearing double to rightfield, increasing the lead to 9-4. **Justin Orenduff** got the win after pitching 5.2 innings of scoreless relief, while striking out 10.

Albany led 4-1 after three innings, as the Great Danes pushed across runs in each of the first three stanzas. **Brendan Chiavaro**, who is batting .333 on the season, hit his first homerun of the year in the top of the first. Hernandez's double in the second plated two more Great Danes and **Jason Martin** drove home the fourth tally with his team-leading third double of the year.

Albany, which wrapped up its spring trip today, travels to New York Tech on March 15 for an afternoon doubleheader.

-agate-

Albany (0-7)	121	000	000	-	4	8	4
Virginia Commonwealth (7-3)	010	200	24x	-	9	8	0

Steve Emmerthal, Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin

Michael Leishman, Justin Orenduff (3), Brian Marshall (9) and Jeff Parrish

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – Stony Brook 80, Albany 68

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Danyelle Ingram** scored a career-high 29 points on 13-of-15 shooting, as Stony Brook held off Albany, 80-68, in an America East Conference contest on Wednesday evening at The Sports Complex. The Great Danes finish their season with a 9-18 record, including 3-13 in conference play.

Stony Brook (9-17, AE 7-8) led 19-13 with 13:07 remaining in the opening period, but then went on an 18-5 run. Ingram, a 5-foot-9 freshman who made her first 13 field-goal attempts, scored 11 points in that span. She completed that decisive stretch with a fastbreak layup to give the Seawolves a commanding 40-18 advantage.

The Great Danes, who ended the season with six straight losses, trailed 46-31 at halftime. However, Albany would use a 14-3 run midway through the second half to get back into the contest with 4:08 remaining. **Danielle Hutcheson**, who posted her 11th double-double of the season with 17 points and 11 rebounds, led the comeback. She scored six points in that outburst, and sank a pair of free throws that sliced the deficit to 70-64.

The Seawolves, who won their fifth straight at home, responded with 10 of the game's next 14 points. **Sherry Jordan**, who had 17 points and a career-best 19 rebounds, hit a jumper and converted a left-handed layup in the lane during that stretch. **Bojana Bogetic**, a 6-foot-4 center, added four of her 13 points, as her team pulled away.

"We made a lot of improvement this year," said Albany coach **Trina Patterson**, who in her first year more than doubled the program's win total from last season. "We still have a long way to go, but we have now learned how to play through adversity. We had a winning record at home and three conference victories, which is better than most people probably expected."

Jess McGinlay, a senior guard who was playing in her final game as collegian, led the Great Danes with 24 points, on 7-of-17 shooting from beyond the three-point arc. McGinlay, who also grabbed seven rebounds, established the school's single-season record for 3-point field goals (71) and moved to fourth on the all-time scoring list with 1,109 points. **Kathryn Hemlock**, the third Albany player in double figures with 10 points, handed out a career-high nine assists.

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BASEBALL – No. 25 UNC-Greensboro 6, Albany 5

Greensboro, N.C. – Senior outfielder **Kirk Strebin** had two hits and drove in pair of runs, as UNC-Greensboro stayed unbeaten with a 6-5 victory over Albany on Wednesday afternoon at UNCG Baseball Stadium. The Spartans, who are ranked 25th nationally by *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America*, improved to 12-0 overall and are off to their best start in school history.

UNC-Greensboro reversed a 2-0 deficit with five consecutive runs over the middle innings. Strebin lined a run-scoring double to left field, before **Ryan Galligan** tied the contest with a single to center field.

The Spartans, who have the second longest winning streak in the nation, went ahead for good in the third inning. First baseman **Justin Saltalamacchia** singled, stole second, and came across on **Ryan Gordon's** single to left field. UNC-Greensboro tacked on two more in the fourth, when shortstop **Robbie Redic** drove in a run with a single and later scored on a fielding error.

Albany (0-5) closed to within 5-4 in the fifth, when freshman **Derek Degrazio** belted a two-run blast over the left field fence. Strebin produced another run with a single in his team's half of the inning, before the Great Danes came back again in the sixth on **Pat Delaney's** RBI single down the left-field line.

The Spartans' bullpen held the lead through the final three innings, as freshman closer **Chris Mason** worked the ninth to record his fourth save of the season. Albany's **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) singled twice, while first baseman **Kurt Zimneiwicz** hit a two-run homer, his first of the year, in the second.

-agate-

Albany (0-5)	020	021	000	-	5	7	2
#25 UNC-Greensboro (12-0)	021	210	00x	-	6	11	2

Kyle Thomas, Giorgio Fuda (7), Shawn Ryan (8) and Jason Martin.

Ryan Falcon, Allie Swanson (6), Michael Gullede (7), Jarrett Santos (8), Chris Mason (9) and Peter Hernandez.

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SOFTBALL – Albany 7, Gardner-Webb 6

Kissimmee, Fla. – **Maegan Larsen** delivered a two-run double in the fifth inning, as Albany rallied for a 7-6 victory over Gardner-Webb on Wednesday morning at Osceola Complex. The Great Danes meet Sacred Heart this evening as their 10-game Florida trip continues.

Albany (4-1) trailed 6-3 heading into the bottom of the fifth, but took the lead with a four-run frame. **Ashley Rios** was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, before **Liz Wieboldt** walked to score another run. Larsen, a freshman shortstop, then plated the tying and winning runs with a double into the right-field gap.

Gardner-Webb (8-14) scored five times in the second, as outfielder **Stephanie Shrum** cleared the bases with a triple to left field to key the uprising. The Great Danes closed the gap with three runs in the same inning. **Megan Craft** (South Glens Falls) and **Stacy Kowal** each had RBI singles.

Right-hander **Kristin Couris**, who shut down the Bulldogs' attack in the sixth and seventh, picked up her second victory by scattering four hits. **Jen Nolette** (Columbia) went 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Larsen finished with a pair of hits.

-agate-

Gardner-Webb (8-14)	050	010	0	-	6	4	3
Albany (4-1)	030	040	x	-	7	8	4

Stacie Reichert, Julie Shite (2), Susan Frank (5), Stephanie Taylor (6), Reichert (6) and Jennifer Wallace.

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MEN'S LACROSSE – No. 1 Johns Hopkins 16, Albany 7

Baltimore, Md. – Senior attackman **Bobby Benson** tied his career-high with five goals and senior midfielder **Adam Doneger** scored four times to lead Johns Hopkins, the nation's top-ranked team, to a 16-7 victory over Albany at Homewood Field on Tuesday evening. The win improves Hopkins' record to 2-0, while the Great Danes fall to 1-1.

The Blue Jays led just 6-4 at the halftime before taking control with a five-goal third quarter. Doneger, a first-team All-American last year, scored back-to-back goals in a span of just 1:52, plus a Benson goal just eight seconds after Doneger's second tally pushed the lead to 9-4. Doneger and Benson traded goals with Albany's **Luke Smith** and **Brendan Russell** over an eight-minute span bridging the third and fourth quarters before Hopkins scored five of the game's final six goals.

A pair of Benson goals pushed the lead to 13-6 before Albany's **Matthew Green** answered with his first goal of the season with 7:30 remaining in the fourth quarter. **Joe Benson**, the younger brother of Bobby, then sandwiched the first two goals of his career around **Peter LeSueur's** tally to account for the final scoring. LeSueur finished with three goals and two assists.

Russell, a sophomore midfielder, scored back-to-back goals in the opening eight minutes of the game to give the Great Danes an early 2-0 lead. Doneger got the Blue Jays on the board with a goal with 3:56 remaining in the first quarter and **Joe McDermott's** first goal of the season just over a minute later tied the game at two apiece.

After **Jon Smith** gave Albany a 3-2 lead with his fourth goal of the season in the second quarter, LeSueur ignited a 4-0 run with a pair of goals just 1:11 apart. Sophomore **Kyle Harrison** and Bobby Benson also scored during the spree.

Russell's three goals paced the Great Danes, who also got one goal and one assist from **Michael Solazzo**. Sophomore goalkeeper **Kevin Rae** recorded 10-plus saves for the 14th time in his career by stopping 13 shots. The Blue Jays, who share No. 1 with Virginia in this week's STX/USILA national poll, are now 17-3 over their last 20 games, including 16 of 17 in regular-season contests. Albany will play at No. 15 Rutgers on Saturday, March 8.

-agate-

Albany (1-1)	2	2	1	2	-	7
#1 Johns Hopkins (2-0)	2	4	5	5	-	16

Albany – Scoring: Brendan Russell 3-0, Michael Solazzo 1-1, Matthew Green 1-0, Jon Smith 1-0, Luke Smith 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 16 GA).

Johns Hopkins – Scoring: Bobby Benson 5-0, Adam Doneger 4-0, Peter LeSueur 3-2, Joe Benson 2-1, Kyle Harrison 1-1, Joe McDermott 1-1, Kyle Barrie 0-3, Kevin Boland 0-2, Corey Harned 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Rob Scherr (60:00, 6 saves, 7 GA).

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BASEBALL -- Duke 5, Albany 4

Durham, N.C. – Second baseman **Michael Golom** walked and scored the winning run on a passed ball in the ninth inning, as Duke rallied for a 5-4 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday afternoon at Jack Coombs Field.

Albany (0-4) reversed a 2-0 deficit with a pair of runs in both the fourth and fifth. **Jason Martin** and **Tony Vallone** (Greenwich Central) each had RBI singles that tied the contest. Left fielder **Brendan Chiavaro** delivered a run-scoring triple that gave his team the lead, and then came across on Martin's double down the right field line for a 4-2 advantage.

Duke (9-6) would later draw even in the eighth, as right fielder **Brian Patrick** and first baseman **Tim Layden** smacked back-to-back doubles. Patrick, who scored twice, and Layden, who had two RBI, each collected two hits in the contest.

In the ninth, Golom drew a lead-off walk and was then sacrificed to second. After an intentional walk and single loaded the bases with one out, Golom reached home plate when Martin failed to handle Ethan Viana's fastball.

Albany starter **Jeff Mazzola** earned a no-decision despite allowing just two hits in 6.2 innings on the mound. Duke's **Zach Schreiber** struck out seven in six innings of relief to pick up the win, as his team posted its fifth straight victory.

-agate-

Albany (0-4)	000	220	000	-	4	9	1
Duke (9-6)	002	001	011	-	5	5	0

(one out when winning run scored)

Jeff Mazzola, Ethan Viana (7) and Jason Martin.

Russell Durfee, Zach Schreiber (4) and Troy Caradonna.

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Women's Lacrosse – Marist 14, Albany 8

Troy, N.Y. – Sophomore attack **Brandi Petersen** had four goals and two assists to lead Marist to a 14-8 victory over Albany in the Red Foxes' season opener on Tuesday afternoon at Rensselaer's Harkness Field.

Marist (1-0) led 8-6 early in the second half, but then pulled away with four consecutive goals. **Lauren Sherman** spilt a pair of defenders and scored from right of the cage to start that run. Peterson, a preseason All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference selection, scored twice in that stretch. She drove from behind the cage for her first goal, and then converted **Molly Hanley's** pass for a 12-6 advantage with 9:04 remaining.

Albany (0-2) drew even at five apiece with 1:50 left in the first half on a free-position goal by **Maria Ferrucci**, the senior attacker led her team with three goals and one assist. **Maria Stehn**, who scored twice and added one assist, put her team ahead for good with 40 seconds to play before halftime. She fired a shot inside the right post on a feed from Hanley, who finished with two goals and three assists. The contest was tied on five occasions in the opening period.

Heather Ripp made 10 saves for the Red Foxes, who were picked second in the MAAC preseason poll. Albany's **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) had one goal and one assist.

-agate-

Marist (1-0)	6	8	-	14
Albany (0-2)	5	3	-	8

Marist – Scoring: Brandi Petersen 4-2, Molly Hanley 2-3, Maria Stehn 2-1, Maria Reoch 2-0, Lauren Sherman 1-1, Lauren Serge 1-0, Kelly Sullivan 1-0, Francesca DiLorenzo 1-0; Goalkeeper(s): Heather Ripp (60:00, 10 saves, 8 GA).

Albany – Scoring: Maria Ferrucci 3-1, Andrea Esposito 1-1, Ashley Heilmann 1-1, Jenn Rajczak 1-0, Domenica Lore 1-0, Alexis DiDomenico 1-0, Erin Pemrick 0-1; Goalkeeper(s): Ally Scalzo (60:00, 5 saves, 14 GA).

COURTNEY HILL NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Courtney Hill** has been selected as the America East Conference Rookie of the Week in women's lacrosse, as announced today by the conference office. Hill, a freshman midfielder, scored a team-high three goals in last Saturday's season-opening 17-8 loss to Ohio University.

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ALBANY SOFTBALL SPLITS A PAIR ON DAY TWO OF REBEL CLASSIC

Kissimmee, Fla. – **Maegan Larsen** went 2-for-3 and scored the game-winning run, as Albany came from behind to defeat LaSalle, 2-1, on Monday afternoon at the Rebel Spring Games.

Albany (3-1) trailed 1-0 entering the bottom of the fourth before loading the bases with one out. **Brittany Burnham** would plate the Great Danes' only run of the inning when she grounded out to second.

The Great Danes would take the lead in bottom of the sixth after Larsen singled to open the stanza. She advanced to second on a ground out to third by **Stacy Kowal**. On a delayed steal, she swiped third and then raced home on an error by the second baseman.

Danielle Buyea pitched a complete game to pick up her first win of the year. She scattered five hits, struck out four and allowed one unearned run.

In the second game, Valparaiso's **Laurie Grabiak** led off the Crusader's portion of the first with a single and then came around to score on **Andrea Lindgren's** wild pitch for a 1-0 lead. Albany, which was held to four hits, mounted a rally in the sixth with runners on first and second and one out, but **Ali Meacham** popped out to second and **Ashley Rios** hit into a fielder's choice to quell the uprising.

Amanda Gilberton went the distance for the Crusaders, who were playing in their first game of the season, to collect the victory. Lindgren allowed only three hits in suffering her first loss of the season.

(Game 1)

LaSalle (2-1)	010	000	0	-	1	5	2
Albany (3-0)	000	101	x	-	2	6	1

Jeanette Middlestead and Jilian Stombock.
Danielle Buyea and Stacy Kowal.

(Game 2)

Albany (3-1)	000	000	0	-	0	4	0
Valparaiso (2-0)	100	000	x	-	1	3	1

Andrea Lindgren and Ali Meacham.
Amanda Gilbertson and Karen Constien.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2-2-2

Duke 5, Albany 1

Durham, N.C. – **Brian Hernandez** went 2-for-3, including an RBI single that scored the go-ahead run, as Duke defeated Albany 5-1 on Monday afternoon at Jack Coombs Field.

Albany (0-3) ended a scoreless game in the sixth when **Brendan Chiavaro** lined a single to right center to break the deadlock. **Joe Lamb**, who reached on a fielder's choice, stole second to setup the run.

Albany's **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) limited Duke (8-6) to one hit through the first six innings. However, the Blue Devils tallied four runs in the seventh ignited by inning-opening double by **Brian Patrick**. He would come around to score on **Tim Layden's** double. After Layden advanced to third on a wild pitch, Hernandez knocked a single up the middle to give the Blue Devils a 2-1 advantage. Hernandez and **Grant Stale** crossed home after Kroft's overthrow on a bunt attempt landed in the outfield.

Drew Jerden pitched the opening six innings, allowing one run on three hits, while **Blake Walker** tossed three hitless frames to pick up his second win of the year.

Duke will host the Great Danes on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the finale of this two-game series.

-agate-

Albany (0-3)	000	001	000	-	1	3	1
Duke (8-6)	000	000	41x	-	5	9	1

Adam Kroft, Shawn Ryan (7) and Jason Martin.

Drew Jerdan, Blake Walker (7) and Brian Hernandez.

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UALBANY SEEDED SEVENTH FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S A-EAST TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass. – Defending champion Boston University will be the top seed for the Choice Hotels International America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship, as announced this evening by the conference office. The tournament's quarterfinals and semifinals will be held at Boston U.'s Walter Brown Arena on March 9-10. The championship will be played on March 15 at the highest remaining seed's home floor, with the winner receiving an automatic NCAA tournament berth.

Albany (7-20, AE 3-13) finished the regular season with a 69-60 loss at Vermont, and will be the No. 7 seed. The Great Danes, who feature three of the top-10 scorers in the conference, tied for eighth in the final conference standings. **Jamar Wilson**, the second-leading scorer in America East with a 19.2 average, established the school's freshman single-season scoring record on the last day of the season, a mark that had stood since 1956. Senior guard **Antione Johnson** (14.0 ppg) and freshman **Levi Levine** (13.0 ppg) rank sixth and ninth, respectively, among the league's scorers.

Vermont (18-11, AE 11-5) is the No. 2 seed and will meet Albany in quarterfinal action on Sunday, March 9 at 6:05 p.m. **Taylor Coppentrath**, a 6-foot-9 sophomore, leads America East in scoring at 20.5 points per game, and is a top candidate for player of the year honors. The Catamounts won both regular-season matchups.

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Choice Hotels International America East Conference Men's Basketball Championship

Sunday, March 9, at Walter Brown Arena (Boston, Mass.)

Quarterfinals

Game 1 – No. 1 Boston U. (18-9, 13-3) vs. No. 8 New Hampshire (5-22, 3-13), 12:05 p.m.

Game 2 – No. 4 Maine (14-15, 8-8) vs. No. 5 Northeastern (15-14, 8-8), 2:30 p.m. (approx.)

Game 3 – No. 2 Vermont (18-11, 11-5) vs. No. 7 Albany (7-20, 3-13), 6:05 p.m.

Game 4 – No. 3 Hartford (15-12, 10-6) vs. No. 6 Stony Brook (13-14, 7-9), 8:30 p.m. (approx.)

Monday, March 10, at Walter Brown Arena (Boston, Mass.)

Semifinals

Game 5 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7:06 p.m. (AE-TV)

Game 6 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 9:36 p.m. (AE-TV)

Saturday, March 15, at higher remaining seed's home arena

Championship

Game 7 – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 11:37 a.m. (ESPN)

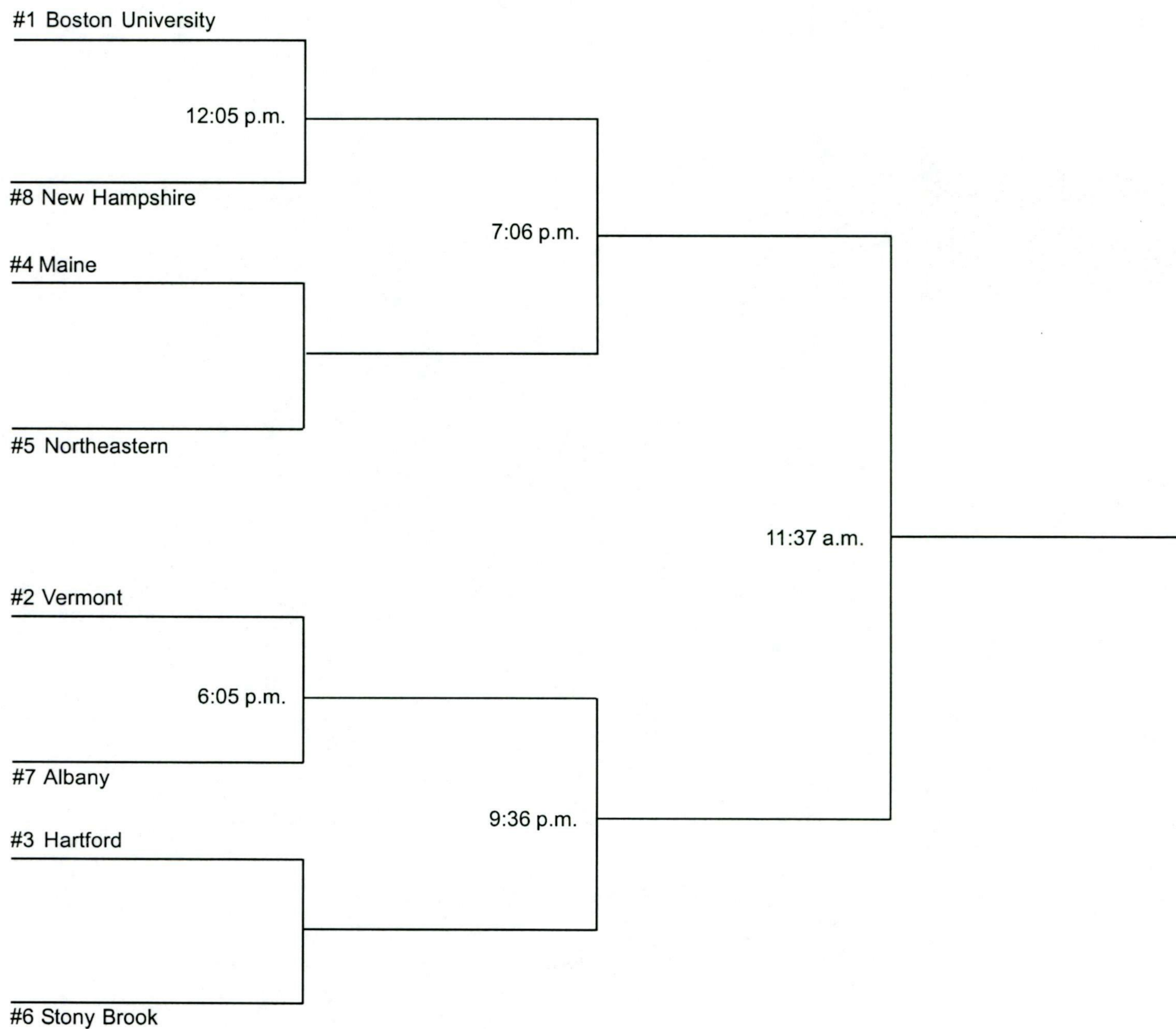
2003 Choice Hotels International America East Championship Bracket



Quarterfinals
Sunday, March 9

Semifinals
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Vermont 69, Albany 60

Burlington, Vt. – **Matt Sheftic** scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, as Vermont posted a 69-60 America East Conference victory over Albany in the regular-season finale for both teams on Sunday afternoon at Patrick Gymnasium.

Vermont (18-11, AE 11-5) led 37-34 at halftime, but then reeled off 18 unanswered points to begin the final period. **Germain Njila**, who had a career-high 13 points off the bench, ignited that run with a three-point field goal. Sheftic, a 6-foot-8 junior, scored nine off his total in that stretch. He was fouled on a bank shot in the lane and added the subsequent free throw for a 55-34 lead with 12:59 remaining.

Albany (7-20, AE 3-13) trailed by double figures until the final minutes of the game. **Jamar Wilson**, who had 19 points, eight rebounds and five assists, returned after missing his last start with strep throat. He set the school's single-season freshman scoring mark with 500 points.

"They are strong and physical and we gave them too many second and third opportunities on the offensive glass," said Albany coach **Will Brown**, whose team shot 38 percent after halftime. "A double-digit run is tough to overcome, especially when the other team has the best player in the conference in Taylor Coppenrath."

In the first half, the game went back and forth. The Great Danes, who shot 8-of-12 from behind the three-point line in the stanza, tied the contest at 23 apiece on Wilson's baseline jumper. Vermont regained the lead for good on back-to-back slam dunks by **Scotty Jones**. **Taylor Coppenrath**, a 6-foot-9 sophomore, had 11 of his 15 points before the break.

"We got the ball inside," said Vermont coach **Tom Brennan**, whose team finished the regular schedule with wins in six of their last eight. "I'm happy with Sheftic's progress. He's a load to stop, and he makes things easier for Coppenrath."

Rhasheed Peterson led three other Albany players in double figures with 14 points and seven rebounds. **Levi Levine** and **Earv Opong** scored 11 and 10, respectively. Vermont clinched second place in the final conference standings and will meet Albany in the opening round of the America East tournament on Sunday, March 9 at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena.

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Albany 2, Bethune-Cookman 0

Kissimmee, Fla. – Freshman **Ali Meacham's** two-run double to the fence in the bottom of the first provided Albany all the runs they would need in a 2-0 win over Bethune-Cookman on Sunday morning at the Rebel Classic in Kissimmee, Fla.

Albany (2-0) had runners on first and second with no outs in the bottom of the first when **Andrea Lindgren** grounded into a fielder's choice forcing **Katrina Dunning** out at third. Meacham, who was making her first career start, then connected on a two-bagger to the wall bringing home both **Liz Wieboldt** and Lindgren for a 2-0 advantage.

Kristin Couris and Lindgren combined on the 1-hit shutout of the Wildcats, who fell to 10-12 on the season.

Bethune-Cookman (10-12)	000	000	0	-	0	1	0
Albany (2-0)	200	000	x	-	2	5	1

Lauren McCoy and Rachel Kilbert
 Kristin Couris, Andrea Lindgren (6) and Ali Meacham

Albany 7, Holy Cross 3

Kissimmee, Fla. – Freshman **Julie Gannon** had two hits, including a two-run double in the fourth inning to give Albany a 7-3, come-from-behind victory over Holy Cross on Sunday morning at the Rebel Classic in Kissimmee, Fla.

Albany (1-0) trailed the Crusaders 3-1 as the Great Danes came to bat in the top half of the fourth. **Megan Craft** cut the margin to one when she singled home **Liz Wieboldt**, who scored twice. Gannon then gave UAlbany the lead for good with her shot to the fence that scored **Andrea Lindgren** and Craft.

The Great Danes added two insurance runs in the sixth as **Jen Nolette**, who tripled to start the inning, raced across home after **Katrina Dunning's** attempt at a suicide squeeze was overthrown by Holy Cross (0-1) pitcher **Michelle Greene**. Dunning then scored on **Ashley Rios'** single to give UAlbany a 6-3 lead. Lindgren, who was making her first career start for Albany, went seven innings, allowing three hits and three runs, while striking out four to earn the victory.

Albany (1-0)	100	321	0	-	7	6	2
Holy Cross (0-1)	111	000	0	-	3	3	2

Andrea Lindgren and Stacy Kowal
 Michelle Greene, Megan Manner (6), Nicole Vitti (7) and Alycia FitzPatrick

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Albany 10, Providence 7

Amherst, Mass. – Senior midfielder **Jon Smith** had three goals and one assist, and Albany held off a late providence rally in posting a 10-7 victory in the season opener for both teams at the University of Massachusetts' Garber Field.

Providence rallied from a six-goal deficit in the second quarter to close within 9-7 with 7:55 remaining in the contest. **Dan Giuntini** ended a run of three straight goals, when he converted a extra-man advantage with a shot inside the right post. Giuntini, a first-team all-conference attackman last year, finished with two goals and three assists.

The Friars, who were picked third in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference preseason poll, had two opportunities to get even closer in the final two minutes. However, Albany goalkeeper **Kevin Rae**, who had 13 saves, stopped Giuntini and **Jon Meehan** at point-blank range. Off the final save, Rae, the America East Conference's top rookie last season, delivered a length-of-the-field pass to **Chris Martocchia**, who sealed the outcome with 6.5 seconds to play.

Albany led 8-3 at halftime, as Smith did most of his work in the opening two quarters. Sophomore **Brendan Russell** also had two goals and one assist in that stretch.

Luke Daquino, a sophomore attackman, finished with one goal and three assists for the Great Danes, as the defending America East regular-season champions won their season-opening game for the first time since 1998. The Friars' **Kevin Kornobis** added two goals, both in the first half.

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Providence (0-1)	1	2	2	2	--	7
Albany (1-0)	5	3	1	1	--	10

Providence Scoring – Dan Giuntini 2-3, Kevin Kornobis 2-0, John Hollister 1-1, Jon Meehan 1-0, Skip Dunphy 1-0, David Krasnica 0-2, Goalkeeper(s): Matthew Welch (15:00, 1 save, 5 GA), Andrew McMinn (45:00, 19 saves, 5 GA)

Albany Scoring – Jon Smith 3-1, Brendan Russell 2-1, Luke Daquino 1-3, Chris Driscoll 1-0, Tim Primrose 1-0, Michael Solazzo 1-0, Chris Martocchia 1-0, Sean Donnellan 0-1, Matthew Green 0-1, Kevin Rae 0-1, Goalkeeper(s): Kevin Rae (60:00, 13 saves, 7 GA)

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Ohio U. 17, Albany 8

Philadelphia, Pa. –**Lindsey Hart** scored five goals as Ohio University defeated Albany 17-8 on Saturday afternoon at Geasey Field in Philadelphia, Pa. The game was the season opener for both teams.

Ohio University took an early 9-0 lead as Hart scored three times during that span. Albany tallied its first goal of the season at the 24:15 mark of the first half, when freshman **Courtney Hill** scored the first goal of her collegiate career, as the Bobcats took a 9-1 lead into intermission.

The Great Danes came out of halftime scoring three straight goals, as senior **Maria Ferrucci** tallied the first of her two goals 1:35 into the second half. Junior **Alexis DiDomenico** then scored back-to-back goals at the 7:18 and 13:42 marks to cut the lead to 9-4.

Ohio U. answered that run with four consecutive tallies and increased the lead back to nine at 13-4. Hill's second goal of the game, which came on a free position shot, at 50:05 ended that spurt.

The teams traded goals over the final minutes, with Ferrucci and **Ashley Heilmann** tallying the final two markers with 25 and three seconds remaining, respectively, in the contest.

Albany will take on Marist on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. at Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y.

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Ohio U. (1-0)	9	8	--	17
Albany (0-1)	1	7	--	8

Ohio U. Scoring – Lindsey Hart 3-0, Melissa Menna 2-0, Lynz Keys 2-0, Caitlin Link 2-0, Alyssa Trocher 2-0, Becky Oxman 2-0, Emily Hemmelgarn 1-0, Goalkeeper : Jennifer Cassidy (60:00, 8 GA)

Albany Scoring – Courtney Hill 3-0, Maria Ferrucci 2-0, Alexis DiDomenico 2-1, Ashley Heilmann 1-0, Jenn Rajczak 0-1, Goalkeeper: Ally Scalzo (60:00, 12 saves, 17 GA)

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Vermont 75, Albany 58

Albany, N.Y. – Senior **Morgan Hall** scored a game-high 24 points to lead Vermont past Albany, 75-58, on Saturday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The loss eliminates UAlbany from the America East Conference postseason tournament.

Albany (9-17, 3-12), which has lost five straight, led 26-24 with 3:57 remaining in the first half before the Catamounts went on a 9-4 run to close out the half. Vermont hit three consecutive three pointers, one each by **Tiffany Spinka**, who had a career-high 11 points, **Theresa LaRocque**, who scored 12 of her 15 points in the first half, and **Dawn Cressman**. Cressman would add another bucket as the Catamounts entered halftime with a 33-30 advantage.

Vermont (19-6, AE 11-3), which has won nine-straight league games and seven in a row overall, led 43-40 with 13:50 left in regulation before scoring 13 of the game's next 17 points to increase their lead to 56-44 at the 8:02 mark. Spinka tallied the first six points of that spurt by converting an old-fashioned three-point play before knocking down a long-range jumper. Hall, a candidate for postseason player of the year honors, closed the run by connecting on a follow shot in the lane and hitting her second three-pointer of the contest.

The Great Danes, who honored seniors **Chris Gray** and **Jess McGinlay** prior to the game, closed the gap to eight with 5:13 remaining on a lay up by **Danielle Hutcheson**, who scored a season-high and America East-high 20 points and added nine rebounds, to make the score 60-52. Albany wouldn't get any closer as Vermont, which is in second place in the conference, pulled away over the final minutes for the 17-point victory.

McGinlay, who played her final game at the RACC, was Albany's only other player in double figures with 10 points. **Sarah Sweetland** matched a career high with five assists. The Great Danes will finish the 2002-03 season on Wed., March 5, with a road game against Stony Brook at 7:00 p.m.